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Huge growth in vetting by police records

By Quentin Cowdry and Mark Souster

people a year are being vetted by prospective employers with access to police records. In January and February alone, the names of 27,500 people seeking county council positions passed through the police national com-

They range from local and national government to doctors and dentists, from the Atomic Energy Authority and the Royal Mint to the BBC and British Telecom. The growing use of the computer for such purposes is prompting widespread concern that civil liberties might be threatened.

Last year, the computer handled about 500,000 requests for information from government departments, and a survey by the Association of County Councils suggests that a similar number are being vetted for council jobs. On top of that, an unknown number of people applying for private sector jobs are being screened, almost certainly taking the total past the million mark.

No official figures are released on the number of such checks being made or on the detail of what kinds of workers are being vetted, although the Home Office has issued a list of occupations that can be subject to screening.

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hostages

In a move to open the way for a deal that could set free four Belgians held hostage in Beirut, the governing board of Louvain prison, near Brussels, has recommended early parole for Nasser Saced, a Palestinian terrorist serving a life sentence for a grenade attack on Jewish children.

Mr Emmanuel Houtekins, his wife and their two teenage children were kidnapped aboard a yacht in the Mediterranean in 1987 Page 24

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Cheshire police are searching for a group of bogus social workers who called on families claiming to have instructions to examine their young

Teacher survey

Schemes to attract more teachers to the shortage subjects of mathematics, physics and technology are in danger of running out of steam, according to a survey published yesterday ...

One currency

Europe's leading businesse are in favour of a single European currency to replace existing national monetary units according to a survey to be published by the National Institute of Social and Eco-

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José-Maria Olazabal, of Spain, secured a thrilling one-stroke victory over Ian Woosnam, of Wales, in the Benson and Hedges International golf tournament at St Mellion, Page 4. Cornwall ...

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protecting children. The de-cision on whether to allow such vetting lies with chief constables, who generally nominate a senior officer to

A growing cross-section of opinion, spanning MPs from all parties, the civil liberties puter. Dozens of other men, believes there is an discounting minor or irrele-employers are entitled to make similar checks.

men, believes there is an discounting minor or irrele-urgent need for the system of vant offences, she claimed.

Criminal record keeping and Miss Main said most counfor yet more widespread vetting should be resisted.

A report to the Commons information held by the National Identification Bureau was either out-of-date or inaccurate. That did not surprise pressure groups such as the Payne.
National Council for Civil The
Liberties, which are calling for contain the Data Protection Registrar's watchdog role to embrace criminal records. Other groups, including the home affairs committee, believe the records should be kept by an independent publicly-accountable agency, though police and Customs would have direct access to files.

The vetting requests revealed by the Association of County Councils survey involved teachers, social workers, school caretakers and librarians, youth and playgroup workers, sports instructors, nursery nurses and adoption and fostering officers. All had been provisionoutcome of their verting.

ally appointed, pending the outcome of their verting.

criminal convictions, as people seeking positions offer- cil employers," he said, "are ing "substantial access" to not bothered about the fact children are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders got involved in a brawl 20

offenders' convictions to become spent after set periods. The police national computer revealed that 736 had tried to conceal convictions. Of those, 28 had serious criminal records — nine having been convicted of assault, five of sexual offences and 13 for thefts and burglaries. One man seeking to resume cus-tody of a child who been in care had eight convictions for

and gross indecency. Miss Kate Main, of the association's education department, defended councils' zealousness towards vetting: "The Home Office guidelines give councils some latitude about which posts should be vetted, but few opt for a narrow interpretation and who can really blame them?

offences including buggery

MORE than a million security or in the interest of They only have to make one ing that only 36 candidates had been rejected - 0.01 per cent of the total number undertake the task. screened and 5 per cent of convictions. That clearly indicated councils were observlobby and some senior police- ing the 1974 Act and

> distribution to be made more cils now routinely vetted, with accountable and that pressure police help, anybody provisionally appointed to any one of 24 job categories listed in a 1988 Home Office cir-Select Committee on Home cular. That circular revised Affairs found that much of the guidelines drawn up two years earlier after a council-ap-proved baby sitter with a record for sex offences murdered four-year-old Marie

The 1988 guidelines tried to contain the enormous rise in venting that followed the Marie Payne case by limiting checks to jobs where the employee could be in regular "one-to-one" contact with children. A growing number the line has been too tightly drawn and that vetting should be extended to cover school taxi and bus drivers, dinner leisure centre staff. Some chief constables have succumbed to the pressure. But others, including some of the country's most reflective senior officers, have resisted.

Mr Neil Taggart, chief whip of the Labour-dominated West Yorkshire Police Authority, thinks all taxi drivers All of the applicants should should be vetted, regardless of who their main customers are. The vast majority of coun-

not bothered about the fact Act, 1974, which allows most years ago. What is crucial is offenders' convictions to be that in West Yorkshire we have some convicted rapists who are driving taxis and that has to be wrong." In one case, the mother of a rape victim spotted her daughter's assail-

ant driving a cab in Leeds. Sir John Wheeler, chairman of the home affairs committee. is unperturbed by the rise in vetting, given the sharp increase in terrorism in recent years and apparent increases in sexual and violent crime. But he adds: "The concern is that vetting is done in a professional and accountable There is no profound civil liberties issue in there being a proper, accountable means of vetting."

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Thatcher years have failed poor, MPs say

benefited the poor will be est 10 per cent jumped by 8.4 challenged tomorrow by a per cent. The corrected figures report which suggests that the demonstrate, however, that statistics have been wrong.

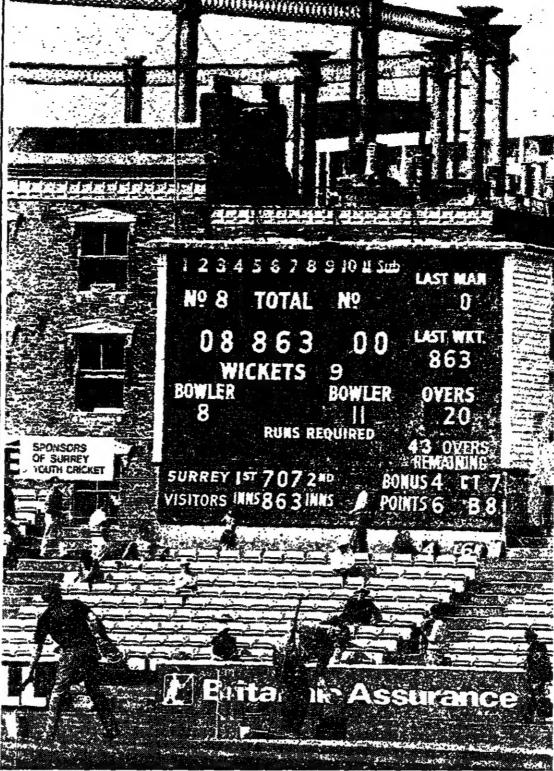
The Institute of Fiscal Studies, carrying out a report for the Commons' Social Services Select Committee, has stumbled across a serious error in previous calculations by govemment statisticians.

The original data suggested that from 1981 to 1985 living standards for the whole

THE Government's argument population went up by 4.8 per that the Thatcher years have cent while those for the pooraverage living standards in-creased by 5.4 per cent but rose by only 2.6 per cent for the poorest 10 per cent.

The committee's report will make plain that the "trickledown" process is not working as the Government claims.

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Top score: Groundsmen tend the pitch at the Oval yesterday after Lancashire scored a record 863

Home Office to study call for football fixture veto

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

THE Home Office is to examine a call from the Chief Constable of Dorset for the police to be empowered to veto football fixtures they believe likely to attract violence.

Accusing the Football League of ignoring a police request to reschedule Saturday's match between Bournemouth and Leeds United, Mr Brian Weight said he would be consulting the Association of Chief Police Officers with a view to approaching the Home Office for the

veto power.

Mr Denis Howell, the shadow Sports

Minister, said Labour would press for a

Mr Colin Movnihan, the statement from Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister of Sport, today. Labour was opposed to giving the police powers to veto fixtures.
"We do not want football and sport decided by
the police. Football is a lawful occasion and the job of the police is to police lawful occasions," he said.

It appears increasingly likely that the ban on English teams in Europe will continue in the aftermath of Saturday's incidents involving Leeds supporters. Mr Lennart Johansson, President of the European Football Union, said yesterday. "It looked so good. But after this I am very sceptical about letting the English clubs back."

He said that Uefa would decide whether to lift the ban on May 24, before the opening of the World Cup finals in Italy. Until the weekend it had been assumed that the conduct of England fans in Italy would determine whether English clubs were to be allowed back Mr Weight said yesterday: "The Football League have got to listen to us. I am furious with the arrogant way we were treated. We

knew what would happen." He told BBC Radio 4's The World At One. "I am writing to the Football League tomorrow and I am going to tell them, after the hooligans had committed all the damage, all the indecent assaults on women, smashing shop windows, and the beating up of 12-year-old supporters of Bournemouth, that I hold the Football League responsible.

"They attacked us with bricks and injured my officers. One of my officers, if he had not been wearing a Nato helmet, would have been killed ... I asked them on many occasions to Continued on page 24, col 7

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Gorbachov attacks separatism

runaway on separatism and the "abuse" of glasnost for it is to enforce it", nationalist ends. He also conweather demned the "extremist slo-

By Robin Young BATSMEN took advantage of

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score in

fine weather and benign pitches yesterday as perspiring bowlers — and motorists — toiled through the last day of the Bank holiday weekend. The Lancashire left-hander Leonard Hutton's 364 against

Neil Fairbrother made 366, the highest individual score seen at the Oval, eclipsing Sir Australia in 1938. Fairbrother was the main contributor to Lancashire's 863 against Surrey, which beat their highest of 801 against Somerset in 1895 and passed the best in a county championship match at the ground.

A small consolation for Surrey, who scored 707 for nine declared, was that they share a record aggregate of 1,650 runs for county cricket. Yesterday was the first day for a week in which temperatures in Britain failed to exceed those in the Mediterranean. Temperatures remained above the seasonal norm, however, with the South enjoying most of the sun and a

comfortable 19°C (66°F). At least three people died as thousands of holidaymakers tried to beat the rush home by making an early start, but many did not avoid beavy jams. One of the worst areas was at Conwy, north Wales, where by noon there was a queue several miles long. Police blamed "idiotic driving" for an eight-mile tailback on the M5 between Clevedon and Weston-super-Mare.

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow PRESIDENT Gorbachov yes- stressed the importance of the ned, and according to the to have been given a particu-

gans" at the May Day parade

in Red Square, dismissing it as proof of the instigators' understanding that their time was running out Responding to those who have called for stronger leadership from the top — a

belief prevalent in military circles - Mr Gorbachov said there would be "no return to Stalinist repressions". In what

terday launched a fierce attack law and its observance "including by those whose job Mr Gorbachov was address-

ing several hundred bemedalled Second World War veterans. The Kremlin meeting, also addressed by newlypromoted Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the Defence Minister, was the first formal event of the week's celebrations for the 45th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe.

The main Victory Day celebrations will be tomorrow, which is a national holiday. A may have been an oblique full-dress military parade reference to the KGB, he through Red Square is plan-

Defence Ministry, it will take larly high profile. the form of a historical pagcant giving a "retrospective glance at history".

The parade, which was announced six weeks ago, will cost an estimated 1.5 million roubles (£1.5 million). It has been widely seen as an at-tempt by the leadership to generally lost out as a result of President Gorbachov's changes in Soviet domestic and foreign policies. Although five-yearly anniversaries are always celebrated more lavthis year's Victory Day seems

For several days now the Soviet media have been dominated by reminiscences of the war years. At the weekend Mr Gorbachov announced a list of 22 new Heroes of the Soviet

In a new admission, General Pyotr Lushev, the Complacate the military which has mander-in-Chief of the Warsaw Pact forces, said yesterday that Soviet losses in the ceeded 27 million people.

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Move to stop film pay-offs for crime

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

sider laws to stop murderers and other serious criminals being paid for films based on their exploits. Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, has asked for an urgent review inside the Home Office with a view to legislative proposals being contained in the Criminal Justice Bill planned for the next session of Parliament.

The move follows the furore after recent revelations that Ronald and Reginald Kray, both serving life sentences for murder, have received £255,000 for The Krays, a film about them that has just opened in London.

Ministers believe that leg-

THE Government is to con-drug-traffickers and people convicted of serious crimes involving more than £10,000. They feel that having done so it would be wrong to allow criminals to benefit indirectly from films, musicals or books made about them.

> However, ministers accept there are practical difficulties which the review will have to address. Some people would see such a ban as censorship, it is accepted. There would also be difficulty in ensuring that benefits were not paid covertly to criminals, either through families and friends, or foreign bank accounts.

Mr Patten's move will be strongly welcomed by Conservative MPs who have been islation would be consistent calling for legislation, or for with measures already taken the film on the Krays to be to confiscate the assets of boycotted by the public.

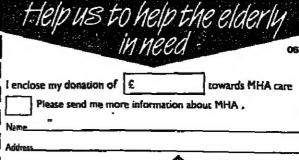
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Frosty response to explorers' Arctic walk claim By Robin Young Canada, Sir Ranulph, officially ac-



SIR Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, newly returned himself from the Arctic wastes, cried "foul" yesterday against the claim by two Norwegians to have become the first people to have walked unaided to the North Pole. There was, the explorer says, a third man.

As with the 1911 race when Roald Amundsen beat Captain Robert Scott to the South Pole, it is the Norwegian flag which flutters over the ice cap, but Erling Kagge, aged 28, and Boerge Ousland, aged 27, are accused of not having got there without help.

The support Sir Ranulph complains of came when a third Norwegian team member, Geir Ramby, who had injured his back, was airlifted out on day 14 of their 500-mile trek across the Arctic from Ward Hunt Island off

claimed as the "world's greatest living explorer" by the Guinness Book of Records, was forced to abandon his own four:h attempt at one of the last unconquered pinnacles of human endeavour by melting ice and lack of food when he was just 90 miles from his target. He has only been back a week and is still recovering from the effects of snow blindness which could rule out any further Arctic expeditions for him.

The Norwegians have done very well, but they have still not conquered this particular challenge," he said. "People might ask why grown men can spend their time worrying about the rules involved in walking unsupported to the North Pole. But others agonize about the rules of football, say, so why not in polar walking?" His sompanion on the

march, Dr Michael Stroud, said Kagge, a law student, and Ousland, a deep-sea diver, had the benefit of the third man to help pull their food, fuel, tent, radio equipment and spares for the first 10 days of the walk before the back injury. Dr Stroud, aged 35, a specialist in

the effects of extreme climate for the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine, said: "Having a third man to share the load amounted to considerable Support." He said that neither British nor

Russian polar authorities would recognize the Norwegians' journey as

unsupported. A Russian expedition to the North Pole last year was disbarred from claiming the "first unsupported" accolade because of similar airborne assistance for an injured team

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Police campaign to retain control of criminal records

By Quentin Cowdry and Mark Souster

agency, separate from the police, should be created to maintain criminal records is rapidly gaining support from ministers who believe it would make for increased efficiency and public accountability.

Those supporting the concept also feel, however, that the move could easily be misinterpreted and that the time for such a sensitive right. The idea that the records might be run by a commercial body - investigated by the it was under so much pressure. independent consultants The party, along with the County NatWest last year as Police Federation, some separt of an overall scrutiny of nior civil servants and civil non-starter.

Strong backing for the proposal that the National Identification Bureau (NIB), the custodian of the central records archive at Scotland Yard, should be transformed into an executive agency, run entirely by civil servants, was voiced last month by the Commons' Home Affairs Protection Registrar is also in

The Conservative-dominated committee argued that it who were only one of the users be made available to groups, of criminal records, should be or even sold to such groups." solely responsible for holding the files and issuing informa- Civil and Public Servants said

THE idea that an independent tion about them, where data either option would fragment

that the records were accurate, a key failing with the present files. Firm limits would be set

believed that the Government had decided to "hive off" the NIB but was reluctant to announce the decision when the integrity of information held on file.

sure the decision to incorporate the police national computer (PNC) as an executive agency had been taken. "If this were not the case, the asked County Natwest to look Select Committee. The Data at whether or not the police computer should be run by an executive agency - not how.

grave concern at the possibilwas practically and ethically ity that information now kept inappropriate that the police, on the police computer might

was needed by courts or for the lines of accountability. Mr vetting.

the lines of accountability. Mr Steve Dent, Home Office It believed an agency would also be more likely to ensure union, and chair of the branch which covers PNC staff, said: "At the moment we are di-rectly accountable to Parliament through the Home Secretary. Any dilution of that visible thread of accountability would be seen by the public in a bad light."

A report by the National Union of Civil and Public Servants in answer to the County Natwest study concluded that "for reasons of security, accountability, manageability, reliability and pubthe police national computer's liberties groups, fear a move to lic confidence the PNC must management — is seen as a agency status could jeopardize not be privatized, contracted out, nor become an agency.'

The Police Federation said Mr Roy Hattersley, the it was totally against any plan shadow Home Secretary, was to remove the PNC from police control, saying such a move would take a responsible service out of statutory hands. The federation said that removal of some police Home Office would have duties had not paid off and pointed to the bureaucracy of the Crown Prosecution

The Home Office said the "We share with the police Government's position had not changed from last December when Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, said the Government wanted effective and efficient manage-The National Union of ment and the best value for

An alarming case of mistaken identity



Computer victim: Mr Neil Foster of Marlborough, who has a clean licence, was accused of driving while disqualified after being mistaken for his banned namesake

driving while disqualified based on incorrect informa-tion stored on the police national computer. The police had the wrong Neil Foster. He had never been banned, but

ages, in what is believed to be the first civil action of its kind under the Data Protection Act. Against whom the action decided, whether the Home Office as operator of the computer which is designed to be error-proof, programmers be released in the interests of at Hendon, where it is based, national security. or Wiltshire Police who arrested and charged him.

ter, from Marlborough, Wiltshire, began in August 1987, when, after being stopped in a routine police vehicle check, he was accused of driving while disqualified. His protestations of innocence went unbeeded.

For four months Mr Foster, who has never committed an offence in his life, fought to clear his name. He and his solicitor, Mrs Rosalind Oswald, realized that it was a classic case of mistaken identity because the police incorrectly insisted his middle name was John. Mrs Oswald said: "We became amateur detectives for four months. It was a pretty devasting time for Mr Foster. The consequences for him if we did not find the other man were serious. He and do have a great effect on was charged with an imprison-

tracked down the Somerset and Lords, has said there is a man of the same age who had been disqualified from driving computer under the control of by Yeovil magistrates. A relieved Mr Foster was formally cleared at Mariborough mag- -judicial authority to deteristrates' court in January mine whether an inquiry 1988. But in the meantime he should be made of the comhad lost his job because his car puter.

TWO years ago, the sup- was impounded. At the time posedly impossible happened to Mr Neil Foster. He was arrested and charged with deliving article disconnection of the said: "I had done nothing wrong, but by the end of it even I was beginning to feel

guilty." Cases such as this are rare, but that they occur at all is an indictment of the system, critics say. The Association of County Councils, which partly the police action resulted in funds the police computer, him losing his job, his car, his and the National Council for savings, and threatened his Civil Liberties (NCCL) say inaccuracies could be over-Mr Foster, aged 40, is about come by allowing individuals to bring proceedings for dam-unrestricted access to their own entries.

In theory this is possible under the Data Protection Act, 1984; in practice it is not will be brought is still to be so easy. The computer is subject to the controls set out in the Act, but the Govern-

The National Union of Civil and Public Servants set The problems for Mr Fos- up a team to deal with the expected surge of applications from the public for information about themselves soon after the Act became law. However, it was disbanded two years ago because the anticipated flood of inquires failed to materialize.

Ms Madeleine Colvin, the NCCL's legal officer, said complaints were still being received from individuals that prospective employers had found out about a previous spent conviction which need not be declared.

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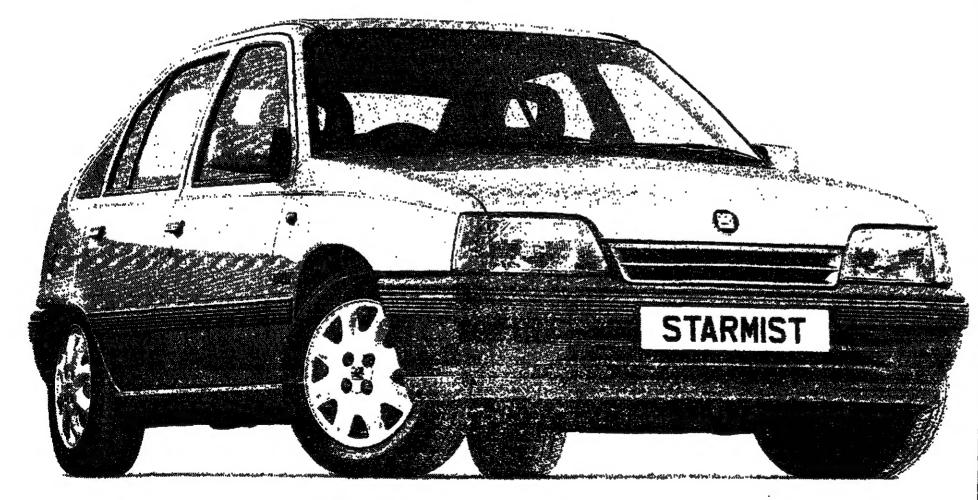
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dog to to see that what is held is not excessive. The Data Protection Registrar should be that watchdog. It should have much greater powers over these files because they can people's lives."

able offence."

Mr Alex Carlile, QC, sec-After a nationwide search for Neil Fosters, they finally risters' group in the Commons case for putting the police someone like the registrar, who could exercise quasi-

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wanted and missing persons. The computer, which came into service in 1974, handles more than 120,000 inquiries a day. It will be replaced by the PNC2 later this year, after which all criminal records will be communicated to the communication of the co be computerized.

The new computer is likely to be used not only by the police, but also by the courts which will be able to update criminal records far more swiftly. At present, it can take 27 days for convictions to be logged with the NIB which leads to errors and is a drain on police resources.

Apart from police, a few organizations such as Customs and Excise have direct access to the PNC, but other bodies must obtain inform-

ation through the police. The police may release information from the computer's criminal names file to: any employee or agent of the police force; any central government department, including Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue; education and social services departments of local government; local authorities respon-sible for licensing sex trial.

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Royal Mint; national museums and galleries; the Traffic police forces; prosecuting authorities; the courts; judges and magistrates: local advisory committees for the appointment of JPs; prison service; probation service.

Research organizations; British Telecom; BBC; Post Office; the Dental Council: Medical Council; the UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting; authorities and organizations responsible for the care and supervision of those who are vulnerable. such as the young, handicapped and infirm; member countries of Interpol; countries to which the Extradition Acts, the Fugitive Offenders Act and the Indictable Offences Act apply, and countries with which the Government has reciprocal arrangements for the exchange of information about convicted

Officers say cases of misuse falling

computer has long been a source of concern, with unscrupulous police officers known to have accepted payment to pass on information, usually to private investi-gators or security companies (Mark Souster writes).

Inquiries by The Times, however, suggest misuse of the computer has dropped significantly since last year when three policemen were given suspended prison sentences. suspended prison sentences for passing information to a private investigator. That would support the Home Office's assertion that informa-tion from the computer is disclosed in only "tightlydrawn circumstances"

One chief constable told The Times that corruption was rife before the advent of the national computer. The Home Affairs Select Committee two weeks ago criticized the manner in which information from the National Identification Bureau was made available to employers and outsiders by Britain's 51 police forces.

The chief constable claimed, however, that new technology made the job of the "crooked cop" far more diffi-cult, especially now that extra safeguards had been built into

THE confidentiality of infor-mation on the police national that anyone who tapped into the data-bank could be almost instantly identified.

"There will always, as long as you have human beings involved in the collection or accessing functions, be scope for corruption. But overall, I don't think it's a problem any

After the prosecution of the three officers last year the Home Office issued new regulations designed to eliminate abuses which have proved effective. No longer can a police officer be easily persuaded to "do a friend a favour", for anything up to £100, thereby jeopardizing his career pension rights and career, pension rights and good character.

Random checks are now made by superior officers asking why information on an individual or vehicle was required. Monthly checks are also made and a log has to be kept explaining why information was requested.

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at plan

to sell

paintings

By Sarah Jane Checkland

THE Royal Holloway and

Bedford New College art collection is to be broken up, despite passionate objections from the heritage lobby. The college council has decided to ask the Charities

Commission if it can sell three of its most valuable paintings,

by Turner, Constable and Gainsborough, to raise funds

for a "new academic plan for

the 1990s". It will start with

Turner's seascape, "Van

Frompe going about to please

his masters", which could be

worth millions, and will then

sell the Constable and Gains-

borough, if necessary.

The proceeds, according to the college's May Bulletin, will

be used to set up an endow-ment fund, to be used mainly

to restore the founder's build-

ings - at an estimated cost of

£300,000 a year over the next

decade - to build a new

college hall and to maintain

Gang posing as care staff may have struck again

By Peter Davenport

DETECTIVES in Cheshire could be the prelude to an children said yesterday that young children. the visitors could be the gang responsible for almost 20 similar incidents around the

The latest cases, in a series of seemingly connected in-cidents that began on January 30, occurred in the Nantwich area, near Crewe, on Sunday. Two men, both described as well groomed, called at three houses and claimed to be social workers with instructions to examine the children

A red saloon car, possibly a Vauxhall Cavalier, was seen nearby on each occasion with two other people inside, one a young woman with long, fair hair. The descriptions of her those given in other cases.

began in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, on January 30, when two women posing as young children in front of the Prevention of Cruelty to their mother after asking them Children. to undress completely. Several days later, one of the women organization have warned parreturned, accompanied by a ents not to let anyone examine man, saying that they had their children without insistwarrants to take the children ing on identification. If still in into care. They left after their doubt, they should contact the

the mother. Over the following weeks, a rash of similar incidents were reported elsewhere in South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire the village of Milnthorpe, near and Humberside, as well as in Wiltshire, Somerset, and

Greater Manchester. have set up a special investigation team of 12 detectives amid fears, expressed by senior officers, that the incidents male or female.

hunting a group of bogus attempt to kidnap a child or social workers who called on that the gang seeks perverted families claiming to have sexual gratification by the instructions to examine their intimate examination of

In the latest incidents, in Cheshire, the bogus social workers left after being refused access by the parents when they failed to produce

Chief Inspector Ann Pyke, of Cheshire Police, said: "It is too early to say positively that there is a link, but we are looking at it very closely. There are several similarities. There are now almost 20 incidents spread far afield, and a light red car seems to be involved. Our main concern now is that people heed the warnings and do not let anyone into their homes."

One mother in the Cheshire incidents told police that one and of the car are similar to of the begus social workers those given in other cases. The series of incidents ing at her son, aged two, before calling at the house.

In earlier cases, visitors have also posed as officials social workers examined two from the National Society for

Both police and the authority was challenged by organization that the caller claims to represent.

 Police were yesterday treating as suspicious an incident in which a woman resident in Kendal, Cumbria, was asked the whereabouts of the "adop-South Yorkshire police a red sports car. He was said to be about 30 and 5ft 10in. It is not known whether his pas-



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Knight errand: Keen watch on Mr Paul Richardson as he arrives at St Giles Cripplegate Church, City, yesterday, for a 900th-anniversary fair

Ticket forger blamed for football violence

By Adam Fresco

POLICE investigating the fighting between rival football supporters at Bournemouth over the holiday weekend are looking for a forger who, they say, is partly to blame for the violence by distributing hundreds of tickets with the same number.

Supt Les Burns, of Dorset police, said many forged tickets were printed for Saturday's match by a master forger. He said: "They were good forgeries, all bearing the same number. It is worrying as it makes a nonsense of crowd safety." By yesterday,

tion with the violence. Most of those held were Leeds supporters and police said more arrests were expected.

Meanwhile, three men alleged to have carried out a revenge attack on Leeds supporters, appeared before Bournemouth magistrates yesterday. Mr George Morrison, aged 27, of Lytton Road, Bournemouth, Mr Martin Pettitt, 23, of Library Road, Parkstone, Poole, and Mr Simon Kerley, 24, of Farwell Road, Parkstone, are accused of causing grievous bodily harm to Mr David Maddox, of Bradford. They are also alleged to have been in possession of

Mr Maddox was among Leed supporters attacked outside a wine bar in Bournemouth on Sunday.

He was hit and kicked unconscious and is in "an extremely poorly condition" in Poole General Hospital. The three, who appeared in court in white paper boiler suits because their clothes had been taken for forensic science tests, were given conditional

Three other Bournemouth men Mr Martin Littlecott, 29, of Lytton Road, Mr Nicholas Barratt, 27, of Fraser Road, and Mr David Cooper, 26, of Tregonwell Road, were accused of possessing offensive weapons. They

were given conditional bail until 17 July. David Andrews, 26, of Union Street, Selston, Nottinghamshire, who admitted using threatening words and behaviour on May 5, was fined £350 and bound over for a year.

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Mark Bryan, 29, of Cavendish Street, Lancaster, was fined £1,000 and bound over for two years in the sum of £500 after throwing a bottle at a police car. Andrew Edwards, 27, of Manor Road, Rothwell, Leeds, was fined £750 and bound over in the sum of £500 after admitting threatening people outside a restaurant.

Bail plea by lorry driver fails

A GREEK public prosecutor vesterday refused bail to a British lorry driver accused of transporting part of an alleged on to an investigating magistrate for a final decision later this week.

The bail petition from Mr George Ashwell, aged 26, of Northampton, was rejected on the ground that he might leave Greece before a trial.

Mr Ashwell's lawyers based the bail request on the claim that their client was not aware of the nature of his lorry's load. He is being held in prison in the western port city

Nuclear leak

The fast reactor at the Dounreay nuclear plant in Caithness has been shut down because of a leak last month. Experts, who had to wait until the reactor cooled, were last night investigating the discharge of sodium which, a spokesman for the plant emphasized, was not radioactive.

RSC tour saved

The Royal Shakespeare Company's 16-week regional tour, in danger of cancellation in February during a cash crisis, has been resurrected. The Arts Council has has found extra backing and British Telecom has "substantially increased" sponsorship.

Hospital attack

Police were yesterday hunting a man who indecently assaulted a girl of 11 whom he enticed into a room at the Great Ormond Street children's hospital's nursing school in central London by saying he was moving furniture. He had a Scottish accent and wore a striped T-shirt.

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Call for talks on prison numbers

CHIEF probation officers are supposed to accommodate.

Iraqi "supergun" through Officers of Probation said it Greece, but he passed the case was ready to discuss changes ahead of reforms detailed in the Government's Criminal Justice White Paper. Mr Gordon Read, the chair-

man, who is chief probation officer for Devon, said: Chief probation officers would gladly enter discussions now with the Government and all criminal justice agencies to accelerate changes that

do not require legislation." limit the use of imprisonment for less serious offenders by making courts consider a range of community punishments contained in reports drawn up by probation

officers. The association said probation officers could act as "gatekeepers" to keep minor offenders and people with social, health, or welfare problems out of the courts. They could also supervise more serious offenders serving community penalties or parole.

But it attacked electronic tagging of criminals outside prison, and said plans for dealing with young offenders were "based on an ideal of good parenting out of touch with the reality of many young people's lives".

 Eight staff were injured yesterday when fighting fe-male prisoners turned on them at Risley Remand Centre, Cheshire, the Prison Officers' Association said. Prison officers at Walton Jail, Liverpool, have voted by 400 to 50 in favour of industrial action to try to prevent trouble-makers formerly at Strangeways Prison, Manchester, being transferred

Prison Officers' Association members say the prison al-ready has 1,350 inmates, far more than the 900 it is

seeking early talks with the A rooftop protest by 10 Government on plans to re- inmates over conditions and duce the prison population.

The Association of Chief

separation unit at Mountjoy Officers of Probation said it Jail, Dublin, was near to anend last night amid accusa tions that the Government was ignoring the urgent need for penal reform in Ireland

(Edward Gorman writes). The prisoners had scrambled on to the roof on Sunday. However, by last night only two were left after eight had given themselves up.

The protest coincided with the conference of the Irish Prison Officers' Association in The Government plans to Galway, which was told by visiting British delegates that the Irish prison service face the same problems as the British and that a riot and protest on the scale of Strangeways could happen.

Yesterday, opposition politicians joined the mounting criticism of Mr Charles Haughey's government over the affair. Mr Jim O'Keefe, justice spokesman for Fine Gael, said the Mountjoy protest highlighted the government's "failure to face up to the many problems in our prisons and the urgent need for penal reform.

MAN IN THE NEWS

Dark horse in the Canterbury race

By Ruth Gledhill

Oxford or in the Guards."

self: "I'm an enigma".

Bishop Waine said of him-

The bishop's short entry in

humility. He was unusually

young, aged 45, when first

made a bishop, at Stafford.

"dark horse" in the race to change. become the Archbishop of Canterbury, yesterday refused to inflame speculation which for another 10 years. He is a o strongly to succeed Dr Robert Runcie.

Bishop Waine, aged 59, and last year appointed Clerk of the Closet to the Queen, was possibly the most surprised of all churchmen to see his name appear in a form book up to now dominated by Archbishop Robert Earnes of Armagh. Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York and the Right Rev Richard Harries,

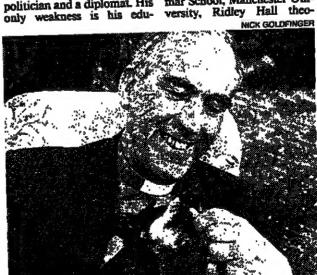
Bishop of Oxford. He says he has barely given the matter a moment's thought and is immersed in plans for a decade of evangelism in his diocese, the second largest in the country, with 2.5 million people. It has a high concentration of inner city areas in east London and

tural parishes in north Essex. One of his vicars said: "He is very personable and fits in well with society. People who talk to him think he is wonderful. Politically, I think he is moderately left-wing but not at all radical. If he was

BISHOP John Waine, the appointed, nothing would

"He would be a good man to keep the thing on the road no one will say a word against

"He has a strong social conscience. He is a good That followed Prescot Gram-politician and a diplomat. His mar School, Manchester Uni-



Bishop John Waine relaxes with his terrier Peg

"I do know some of the problems of high unemploy-

Buthe said he was surprised by the speculation. "Someone wrote to me from one of my old parishes and said he had put some money on me. He was planning to give the proceeds to the church. I would like the church to have

● The Anglican Evangelical Assembly almost unanimously passed a motion at the end of its weekend meeting at Hoddesdon Park, Hertfordshire, yesterday listing the chief qualities needed by the next Archbishop of

What the motion meant was spelled out by the Rev Peter Broadbent, vicar of Trinity St Michael, Harrow, and a member of the General Synod. No one contradicted him when he said that what they were being asked to do was to pass a

cation. He was never at Eton, logical college, and 20 years in parishes in Liverpool.

ment, vandalism and the hopelessness in inner cities."

the money but I think he may have backed the wrong horse."

Canterbury.

motion which said: "We don't want Habgood."

the picture gallery, now cost-ing more than £80,000 a year. The news was greeted with dismay by the heritage world, which sees the sale as a betrayal of Thomas Holloway, the Victorian pill manufacturer turned philanthropist. who spent a fortune founding

the women's college in the 1880s. "London university should hang its head in shame." Sir Hugh Leggatt, secretary of Heritage in Danger, said. "It is typical of what is happening in the later half of the 20th century." If the Charity Commissioners do not pui a stop to it,

he said, similar sales could be expected by other institutions tempted to realize their assets. Other campaigners argue that the Department of Education should provide sufficient funding for the college to avoid the sale. Confirming the plan.

Professor Dorothy Wedderburn, the college's principal, said the decision had been passed by a vote of 39 to one. "The paintings are only part of the total benefaction," she said. "Holloway's priority was establishing an institution for higher

She said there were no plans to sell any of the core collec-tion of 76 Victorian paintings, which includes "The Princes in the Tower" by Millais, and Edwin Landseer's "God proposes - man disposes." But campaigners say that this is inconsistent. Although the three paintings precede the Victorian period in date, they are just as much part of the collection, which is a unique

record of high Victorian taste. The council's decision comes after problems in 1988. when it first approached the Charities Commission informally. Mr Robin Guthrie, Chief Charities Commissioner, said then that "the pictures were given separately by an indenture for the decoration of the college buildings. In other words they are not viewed as part of the educational endowment."

He gave a provisional goahead. Now the college is putting in a formal application, and the assumption is that it will be given per-

The 1988 troubles passed when the college turned to other sources of funding, not least a gift of around £250,000 from Christie's.

In 1982, after swingeing government cuts, the college was forced to merge with London University's Bedford

Bunkers of the golfing kind come to bandit country

By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

INTREPID Western diplomats living in Kabul at the height of the Alghan war proved that you can play golf almost anywhere, even if the layout of bunkers can change dramatically between shots.

Now an Irish farmer, tired of dwindling profits in the beef industry and who has never played a round in his life, is about to prove, or so he hopes, that golf can triumph in the "bandit country" of south Armagh, perhaps the most notorious - and, for British soldiers, certainly the most dangerous - area of the United Kingdom. Ashfield golf club will be the first in south Armagh when it opens for business next month. The course is the brainchild of Mr James Quinn, a softly-spoken man with modest ambitions for golf as a tonic for a troubled community.

We feel sorry south Armagh has the image that it has and we hope this will give it a boost," he said while preparing yesterday for the opening. "It will help to take people's minds off the troubles. A lot of young lads want to join the course, which is great because there's very high unemployment so maybe this will encourage them

to take up the sport." Mr Quinn, aged 46, a father of four, decided to go ahead with the conversion of his farm after golfing experts told him the rolling green fields would make a stunning course.

He hired Mr Frank Ainsworth, one of Ireland's top green-keepers and designers, to lay out the 18 holes. Now, more than £300,000 later, the club is ready for the first tee-off with more than 400 prospective members planning to pay an annual subscription of £200.

The course lies just three miles from the border between Crossmaglen and Cullyhanna, a region of sweeping natural beauty tragically

scarred by violence and through which the security forces are unable to travel by road for fear of IRA land mines. Like many in Northern Ireland, Mr Quinn has put the troubles to the back of his mind and believes they will not affect the golf.

"We don't see any danger at all. The course is a challenge to the good golfer. I don't think there's anything to be afraid of coming to south Armagh. The people here are no threat to anybody."

One problem is the continuous low-level flying by army helicopters. These have proved a nightmare for Mr Quinn's green-keeper who had to start the 18th green three times

after newly-sown grass seeds were blown away by helicopters landing near by. Another problem was to avoid the electricity pylons and overhead cables of the cross-border power line which have never been repaired since they were bombed by the IRA 15 years ago.

One of the first to hit a few practice balls was Mr Seamus Mallon, SDLP MP for Newry and Armagh. He said: "It's an imaginative and courageous venture and I have no doubt it will be a tremendous success. Like most cynics, the laugh will be on the other side of their faces because so many have applied for membership."

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By David Tytler, Education Editor

SCHEMES to attract more that the report showed that the teachers to the shortage suband technology are in danger of running out of steam, according to a survey commissioned by the Government but not publishing the report. published by the Labour Party

Mr Jack Straw, Labour's frontbench spokesman on education, said that he was releasing the final report from Bath University because the Government had placed it in the library of the House of Commons where it was unlikely to be seen by the public.

Mr John MacGregor, Sec-retary of State for Education and Science, said, however,

More join pupils' aid scheme

By Our Education Editor

SIXTEEN more schools have been admitted to the assisted places scheme which subsidizes annual fees for bright pupils whose families cannot afford the full cost.

This brings to 294 the number of schools taking part, and takes the number of places available closer to the Government's 35,000 target.

About 4,000 places - many in the North-east - have not, however, been allocated and the Head Masters' Conference, which represents 230 independent schools, is to investigate why some areas attract fewer applications. The highest take-up rate is 99 per cent in the South-west.

Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said: "The admission of the new schools will open up this highly successful scheme in certain regions of the country where

access has been limited." Mr Gerald Vinestock, northern regional director of am delighted."

The new schools are Ashville College, Harrogate, (annual the bursary scheme." Friars School, Carlisle, (£4,242); Barnard Castle, Co Durham (£4,761); Derby High School, (day fees £2,700); School, (day fees £2,700); Ellesmere College, Shropshire, (£6,540); Framlingham College, Woodbridge, Suffolk (£5,793); Hipperholme Grammar, Halifax, West Yorkshire; Holy Child School, Birmingham (£4,497); The King's School, North Tyneside (day fees £2,175); Kingsley School, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, (£4,770); Ryde School, Isle of Wight (£4,791); School of S. Mary & S. Anne, Abbots Bromley. Stafford-School of S. Mary & S. Anne, Abbots Bromley. Stafford-shire, (£5,970); Silcoates School, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. (£5,097); St Joseph's College, Stoke-on-Trent, (day fees £1,791); Teesside High School, Cleveland, (day fees £2,214); Wrekin College, Telford, Shropshire, (£5,970).

leachers to the shortage sub-jects of mathematics, physics £1,300 a year to pay for training, was attracting more There was nothing sinister in

The three-year investigation into government initiatives to meet teacher shortages shows that bursaries have persuaded experienced people to enter the classroom to teach mathematics, physics, and craft design and technology.

The researchers report that 55 per cent of recipients last year said they could not have entered teaching without the

teaching students, though, became aware of the bursary after they had considered entering teaching and in 1988-9 less than 10 per cent said they had chosen a particular course in order to qualify for the payment. Despite the Government's

efforts, the report concludes that "the number of students enrolling on pre-service teacher education course in the shortage subjects, after an initial boost, have failed to reach expectations or desired totals".

The report says new short courses have attracted recruits but the researchers add that some potential teachers remain lost to the profession because they do not qualify for funding from local authorities.

The retraining of existing teachers in a new subject is an effective way of overcoming shortages but the researchers say that a "pressing need exists for national funding of long-term retraining courses"

The researchers say that the most likely explanation for the fall-off in recruits is that the bursary may have attracted a "finite and diminishing pool" of mature students who saw the bursary as providing the chance to make the move. The report recommends that bursaries should continue at least for the time being.

The Department of Education and Science last night the independent Schools said the report was never Information Service, said: "I intended for wider publication. "In any event the report confirms the effectiveness of

Mr Straw said, however that the survey showed that too little was being done to alleviate teacher shortages. He said: "A crisis exists. What we need is clear action, not gimmicks. We need much greater openness from Mr



Mr MacGregor: Felt the report justified schemes

Campaign to cut child road deaths

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Sec-retary of State for Transport, and Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, are to unveil a three-pronged cam-paign in the face of statistics showing that one child in 15 will be killed or injured on the roads before their 16th birth-day. The move is part of a continuous Department of Transport effort to improve safety on all forms of transport, and involves several government departments, the private sector and local

authorities. The first proposals involve an effort to improve road safety training for children below school age. A new national pre-school road safety club is expected to be set up, with the involvement of a leading insurance company. Children will be able to receive basic literature enabling them to begin road safety training at the carliest age

possible. Secondly, the Government is expected to outline plans to ensure that road safety is seen as part of children's education. Mr MacGregor is expected to explain how road safety can be integrated into the main subjects of the National Finally, the transport de-

A WIDE-ranging initiative aimed at cutting the alarming rate of deaths and injuries of children in road acccidents is to be launched by the Government of the depress to th ed at warning parents and motorists of the dangers to children on the roads.

While Britain's general road safety record compares well with other countries, minrific" statistics relating to child accidems. By far the largest number of children killed or injured are

Figures show most casualties occur among boys at about the age of seven and among girls at around 12. Most accidents are in urban

The statistics also show 25 per cent of casualties involve child pedestrians on their way to or from school. The transport department has run a campaign highlighting the hazard but ministers believe the figures show the need to intensify pre-school and school training

Last September legislation requiring children in rear car scals to wear safety-belts came into force and is having an effect in reducing casualties. according to the transport department. It estimates that up to 200 deaths or serious injuries will be prevented each year by the measure.

In a related development regulations preventing anyone under 21 supervising learnerdrivers on their own will come

Green world shuts out 2CV

By Keviu Eason Motoring Correspondent

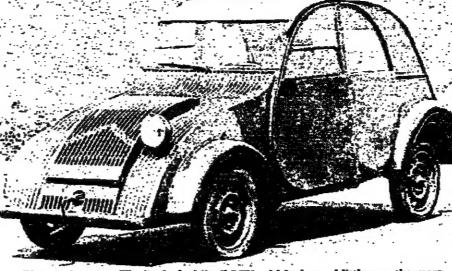
THE Citroen 2CV, the French "ugly duckling" identified as the car of the socially aware suburban classes, is to be killed off because it is not environmentally friendly.

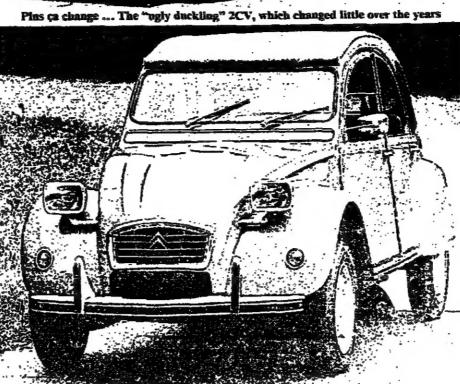
The 2CV became a symbol of a generation of buyers who spurned the high-performance GTi in favour of the twin-cylinder 600cc 2CV to get to their Greenpeace meetings. Their concern for the planet, however, has led to the demise of the 2CV, which, falling foul of impending EC car emission regulations, will cease production within the next few weeks. The latest 2CVs will run on

unleaded petrol, but would by 1992 have to be fitted with catalytic convertors to clean up noxions gases, an investment which the makers decided was not worth while. In Britain, the 1986 sales peak of 7,500 has dropped to 3,000 loyal customers. Assembly lines are

expected to shut down in July. However, enthusiasts will mourn the passing of a remarkable car, of which more than seven million have been sold. As manufacturers designed more and more technology into their cars, making them bigger and faster, the 2CV remained virtually unchanged, with its peculiar "sit up and beg" steering position, flip-up side windows, and tyres which seemed to have been misplaced from a motorcycle.

Citroen was never auxious to play up the "brown rice and sandals" image which the 2CV engendered. The company admitted yesterday, however: "There will be a lot of people who had real affection for the car and will be sad to hear it is going. But times change and products move on."





Cars most at risk of theft will be listed

By Our Motoring Correspondent

ment, possibly by the end of

The move, spearheaded by Mr John Pauen, a Minister of State at the Home Office, is seen as the most radical attempt yet to force manufacturers to make vehicle security a top priority in designing a car. In Britain car crime costs up to £1 billion a year. The move could mean that

Britain will be the only market in the European Community with a full register of cars carrying crime ratings. Ministers have criticized car makers for their lack of progress in solving the car crime problem, which ac-counts for one in four of thefts

Nearly one million cars were broken into or stolen last year and 180 a day are stolen in London. In addition, six out of 10 missing credit cards and about 70 per cent of missing cheque books disappear during car thefts.

Mr Patten has called in a panel of experts to discover how models fare. The panel will study annual statistics of police forces throughout the

Manufacturers said yesterday that they would study the list with interest. Ford, Britain's biggest car company, which last year registered

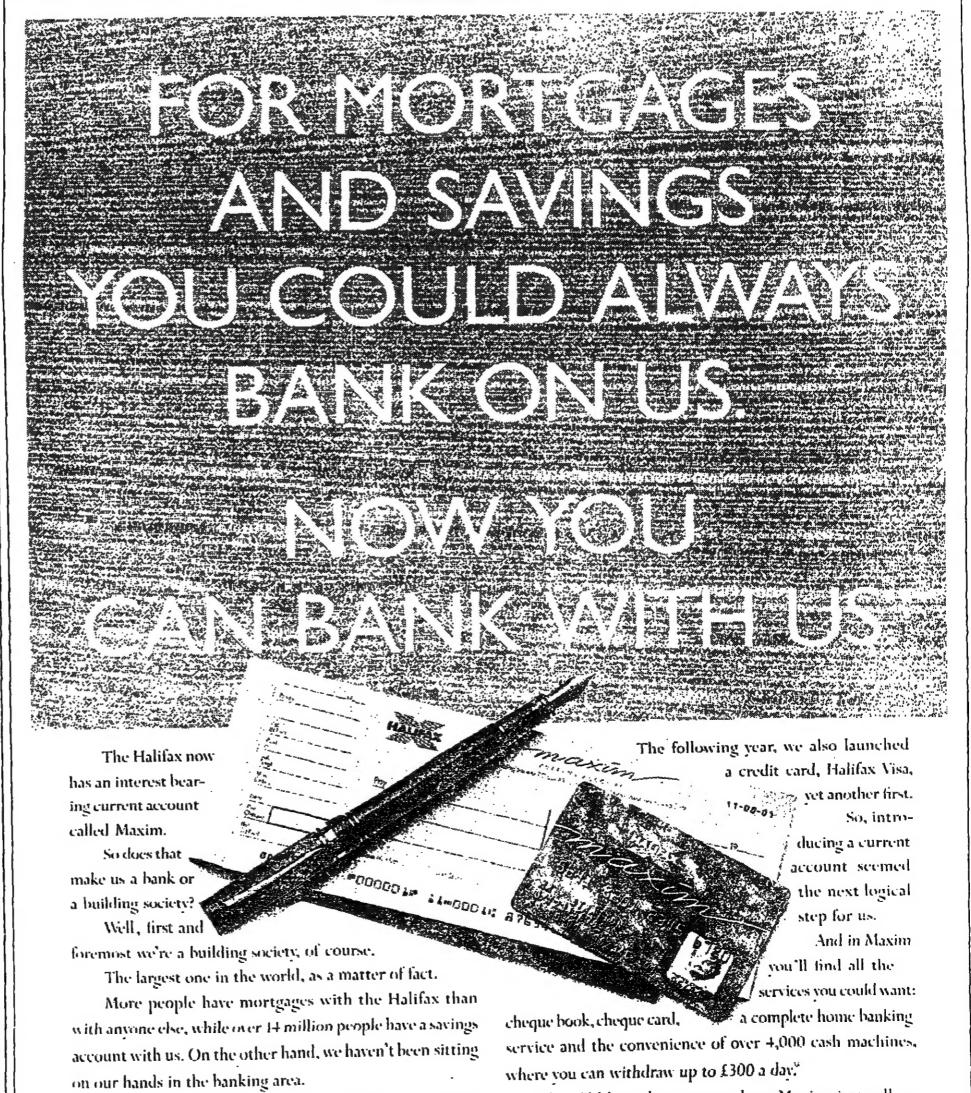
LIST of cars most vulner- have followed a policy of able to theft and break-ins is to introducing better security be published by the Govern- systems on all our cars for some years, from which we believe the customer benefits."

Rover, which has been involved with the Home Office in a project to invent the "thief-proof" czr. also claimed that the quality of its door locks were better than ever. The optimism of the manufac-turers has not, however, been shared by fleet customers They account for almost half of the two million new car

sales annually.
The British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, which represents companies running almost 1.2 million company cars, withheld its prestigious annual anti-theft award in March. It said it believed that no manufacturer had done enough to protect its customers from crime.

Mr Fredy Dellis, managing of Hertz International, the vehicle rental and leasing group which buys 23,000 cars a year in Britain, severely criticized manufac-turers recently, claiming that security devices costing just a few pounds to fit on the

millions in foiled thefts. He called for manufacturers to fit dead locks, which cannot be opened without a key even if a window is broken, and hardened steel keyhole plates. more than 600,000 cars in The cost per car to a manufac-Britain, said last night: "We turer could be less than £10.



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Ministers accused of deceiving EC on acid rain plans

altering their "green" plans for premises," Greenpeace says. reducing Britain's contribuofficial sanction, the Greenpeace organization has low-sulphur coal, in preftold the Commons energy

Greenpeace, in a com-prehensive attack on the Government's new energy policy, warned ministers not to abangreed with the EC for fitting filters to Britain's massive coal-fired power stations to reduce acid rain. The Governreduce acid rain. The Govern-ment has proposed reducing European country. West Gerpollution by building more gas-fired stations and importing low-sulphur coal from South Africa, Colombia and other places which rely on

memorandum to the com- and PowerGen, the postsions because of its reliance on domestic coal stocks. "In its them a "green dowry" to combustion plants directive. power station pollution by

"If the generators continue to be allowed to meet the directive through the use of erence to fitting FGD (sulphur filters), then it should become a matter for the European Commission as to whether the UK should now meet the higher targets set for other major European polluters."

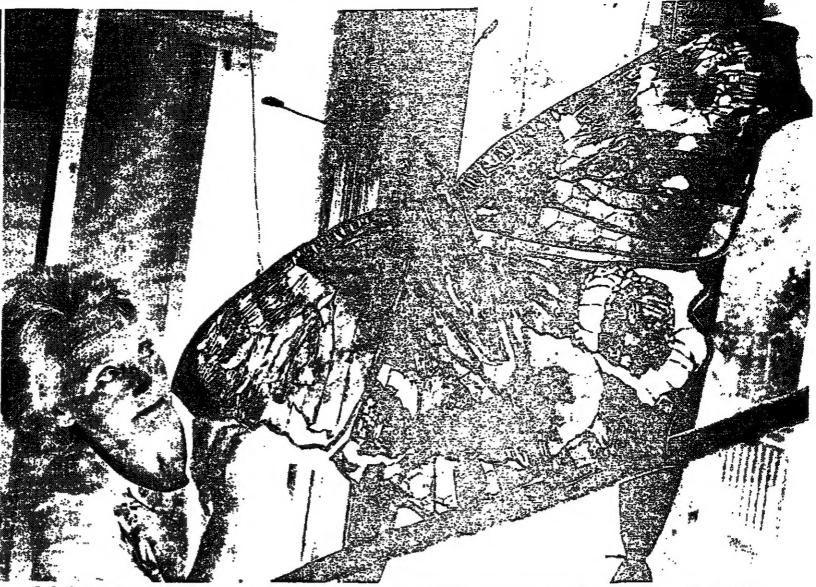
Greenpeace says Britain emissions which cause acid many has been carrying out a massive programme of fitting filters as its forests fall victim The Tory-dominated en-

ergy committee ordered an A confidential Greenpeace inquiry after National Power

MINISTERS have deceived the UK Government secured fitting filters. The committee the European Commission by lenient targets based on false is concerned that the new policy of relying on coal imports will decimate the domestic coal industry, make Britain reliant on foreign coal and gas prices and worsen the balance of trade deficit.

> more gas and imported coal instead of fitting filter equipment may bring only short-term savings. That suggested that the target of reducing best served by allowing the generators free reign to choose how they meet the targets of the [EC] directive".

found that the EC target would be met only by at least trebling imports of low-sul-phur coal. It told the committee that increased imports and world demand for lowmittee, disclosed to The privatization managers of the higher world coal prices Times, argues that the EC only electricity supply industry, "Clearly there will be a point granted Britain lower targets forced the Government to where the extra cost of low-for reducing sulphur emis- drop the £2 billion filter sulphur coal will mean that it would be cheaper to build domestic coal stocks. "In its them a "green dowry" to desulphurization equipment negotiations over the large cover the cost of reducing filters and burn indigenous



Catherine Morrison with one of her stained glass sculptures featured in an exhibition of her work at Tring Zoological Museum, Hertfordshire

Smoke detectors 'could save 300 lives each year' MORE than 300 lives lost by lives." A quarter of domestic

alarms costing as little as £4. according to a report by the National Housing and Town

Planning charity. United States, where legisla-tion has resulted in smoke past decade to more than detectors being fitted in four out of five homes, domestic fire deaths have been almost halved, and it accuses the Government of "dragging its heels" on introducing legisla-

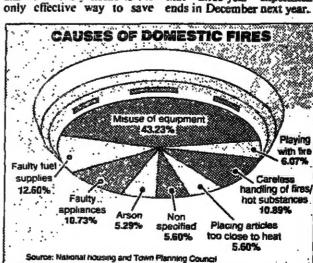
tion in this country. The report says that hun-dreds of people will die needlessly while the Government awaits the results of its own research rather than readily accepting the life-saving benefits of smoke alarms. The charity, whose members include local authorities, building societies, architects and effective action." builders, says salety and security is a "widely neglected"

housing issue. "The Government has encouraged individuals to fit their own smoke alarms, but those most in need are not being targeted," Mr Richard Bate, the charity's assistant director and joint author of requiring functioning smoke

Eight in 10 of all fire deaths The charity says that in the number injured annually has past decade to more than 10,000. Eight million smoke been installed in almost one in three homes in England and Wales, according to a survey by the charity of 404 local authorities and 95 housing

Home owners are three times more likely to have a smoke alarm than local authority tenants, the report says. There would be a major increase in smoke alarm usage if a relatively small number of public sector landlords took

Pensioners and poor families are only half as likely to have smoke alarms as the national average, "a very clear discrepancy between smoke alarm ownership and fire risk", the report says. The Government has fitted 10,000 detectors free in homes in Tameside, Greater Manchesthe report, said. "Legislation ter, but it has said no further measures will be taken before alarms in every home is the that three-year experiment



Mr Nick Davies, aged 29, was shot dead in the driveway of his farm after he killed a dog which was worrying his sheep on Pantygwenith Farm, at Henllan, near Newcastle Emlyn, Dyfed. His mother, Mrs Gaynor Davies, and brother, Iwan, aged 14, were shot in their caravan home near by but escaped serious injury. They are recovering in hospital in Carmarthen. A man, who was being questioned at Dyfed-Powys police HQ in Carmarthen yesterday, is expected to appear in court today.

Murder charge

Bernard McMulian, aged 22, of New Barnsley Crescent. Belfast, was charged yesterday after becoming trapped in in connection with the murder of two Army corporals during an IRA funeral in the city more than two years ago. Two men have already been sentenced to a minimum of 25 years for the murders.

Cliff fall

A man who fell 50ft down a cliff face at Portland, Dorset. while on his way home from a wedding reception, was recov ering in hospital vesterday. after being badly cut.

Ferry strike

Irish Sea ferry services operated by the Dublin-based B&I shipping line were dis-rupted by unofficial strike action yesterday.

Pole-axed

Telegraph poles were felled with an axe at Redlynch and Bruton, Somerset: one destroyed two caravans, the other blocked a road.

Mud trap

Two people were rescued by an RAF helicopter yesterday mud at the mouth of the River Axe near Weston-super-Mare.

Noise watch

Plans for neighbourhood existing crime watch schemes. are likely, the journal of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers says.

Heavy footed

A footpath on Helvellyn in the Lake District is so badly eroded by walkers that the damage can be seen from space. Dr Bill Rollinson of the Lake District special planning board said yesterday.

Sea rescue

Two fishermen were rescued yesterday after their small boat collided with a 400-ton Scottish registered coaster in the Channel off the Eddystone Light near Plymouth, Devon.

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אבן ייין ווניסט (האבין ווניסט THE TIMES TUESDAY MAY 8 1990) Hospital efficiency rises as treatments are priced shifting to walk dress, communicatively as part of the health

By Jill Sherman Social Services Correspondent

ELDERLY patients discharged from a Huddersfield hospital are being given extra social services support after doctors discovered that the condition of over half deteriorated in the week after they left hospital.

Consultants at the Royal Infirmary in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, have also cut the length of stay of women being treated for gynaecological disorders, enabling the doctors to see 1,200 more women and free 30 beds for other departments.

The Royal Infirmary is one of six hospitals which, since 1986, have been testing the Government's resource management system. It involves doctors in management and gives them information about the costs and

Doctors have been able to price treatments accurately for the first time by programming desk-top computers with information about patients from the moment they arrive. They know the costs of drugs, materials, diagnostic tests

The resource management project has been the subject of controversy because it is now being extended to a further 130 hospitals before being fully evaluated.

Doctors are divided over its value. Some complain that the sys-tems are costly and divert doctors from their main role of treating patients. They also see it as a threat to clinical freedom, arguing that doctors should not be influenced by costs. Those that have worked at the pilot hospitals are more enthusiastic, regarding it as a weapon to

argue for more resources. Huddersfield has the most advanced system in the country, and one of the cheapest, having cost about £1.5 million to set up. There have already been tangible patient benefits. For example, women attending as outpatients for breast cancer screening can get the results of their X-ray, follow-up cytology and counselling on the same morning.

In the past, most women would have had to wait at least seven days before the handwritten information from doctors in different departments was collated. "It cuts down on the administration and unnecessary anxiety for the women who are screened." Mr Richard Sainsbury, general sur-

Mr Peter Jackson, a consultant gynaecologist, says he has changed treatments for menstrual disorders by reducing the number of hysterectomies he performs. By carrying out surgery on the lining of the uterus instead, the woman's hospital stay drops from six to two days and costs decrease on average by £260 per patient to £750.

He has reduced the average length of stay for gynaecological operations from five days to three, enabling him to treat many more patients and allowing 30 of his beds to be freed for orthopaedic patients. The number of patients he treated on a 30-bed gynaecological ward rose from 2,000 a year in 1987 to 3,200 last year.

Dr Rachel Angus, a consultant at the hospital's department of medi-cine for the elderly, has started developing "outcome" measures which show how patients progress after they are discharged from hospital. Patients are rated on their

ability to walk, dress, communicate, bath themselves and manage stairs. These functions are rated when they arrive at hospital, the day of discharge, seven days after they leave and six weeks later.

She found, for example, that people over 75 who have suffered from a fractured femur are generally more dependent when the leave hospital than when they arrive and half of these patients deteriorate further in the next seven days. After six weeks only 53 per cent are judged as better.

As a result, the Royal Infirmary has made arrangements with social services departments for a homecare organizer, funded jointly, to provide extra support for those who have just left hospital.

Detailed costings of NHS treatments will be vital for an internal market to start operating eff-

For the first three or four years most hospitals, however, will be hampered by using aggregated data based on specialties rather than individual treatments. But the Government expects all 260 large acute hospitals to start developing resource management by 1992 and to be able to price their treatments accurately by 1995 or 1996.

Miss Sheila Masters, director of finance from the NHS management executive, insists that resource management must be allowed to develop at its own pace, separate from the NHS reforms. In reality, however, it is likely that the reforms will only start having an impact on the health service once all hospitals have this advanced information technology to enable them to take decisions about care.

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Airbus group to

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for Concorde

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

THE European plane-making that the expertise they built up consortium. Airbus Industrie, in creating Concorde could is to be asked to build and make them the natural design

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Both companies have been working independently on

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Computer might cut smear test errors

By Nick Nuttall

Technology Correspondent SCIENTISTS have designed an automated computer system for cervical cancer screening which could cut the number of women mistakenly given a clean bill of bealth.

The system, which is under going clinical trials in the United States, reduces fatigue in laboratory technicians which can result in errors, it is claimed. On a busy day, technicians can scrutinize 100 samples containing more than 100,000 cells for the handful that may indicate early onset

The demands of the job are such that as many as a third of pre-cancerous conditions are missed, studies indicate.

It has proved difficult to design a computer capable of distinguishing pre-cancerous cells from overlapping healthy ones. Automated systems have also attempted to dispense with the human element. The new system is a compromise between man and machine, Scientific American reports.

Called Papnet, its success lies in a computer technology called neural networks - sys-tems which learn from experience and excel in pin pointing subtle patterns. The system identifies suspect cells for a laboratory worker to study.

Papnet is the brainchild of scientists at Neuromedical Systems, of Suffern, New York. The United State's government has so far licensed the use of the system for retesting

 Cancer patients may receive better treatment as a result of insights into how tumours become resistant to drugs (Thomson Prentice writes).

Researchers have found that some drugs may be more helpful if used before radiotherapy rather than afterwards, which is the conventional approach. Dr Bridget Hill and colleagues at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London have discovon finalizing a design for the proposed aircraft which will cred evidence that irradiation of tumour cells can "switch on" a cell protein, called Pglycoprotein, which acts as a be "hypersonic" — capable of flying far higher at speeds up to Mach 5 (five times the before they can take effect.

Drug resistance is one of the biggest obstacles to developing cures for cancer. While many patients respond well to initial treatment, the disease often recurs because not all the cancer cells have been destroyed. The finding could help identify patients who are Both British Aerospace and precise interest they might more likely to respond to some drugs than others.

Policy of growth has failed poor, MPs say

GOVERNMENT claims that 1981 to 1985 living standards low-income groups have pros-pered as a result of the up by 4.8 per cent while those thrusting, free-enterprise pol- for the poorest 10 per cent icy of Mrs Thatcher are ex-ploded in a devastating Social The corrected figures Services Select Committee report to be published standards for the whole

The entire government case that high growth has helped poorer families by the "trickle down" theory is based on wrong calculations, according to research carried out for the select committee by the In-stitute of Fiscal Studies. Government statisticians made a serious mistake in calculating groups. It will put additional bousing benefits.

In a unanimous report the select committee points out paid. that the new information is crucial in judging the Govern-ment's stewardship. It says bluntly that the Government can no longer claim living standards of the poor rise automatically with growth. The committee is chaired by the Labour MP Mr Frank Field, but has a built-in Conservative majority.

The original data on which ministers have based their position showed that from

in health spending

made a serious error.

The first attempts to measure the effect of policies on the poor dates from when

Lord Wilson was Prime Min-

ister and ministers used the

annual family expenditure

survey to try to discover how

low income groups were doing Labour published a head-counting exercise of those

living at or above benefit levels. It showed a growing

army of poor.
Mrs Thatcher decided to

publish the figures every other

year to obtain greater accuracy

and then in 1988 replaced

looking purely at living stan-

dards and ignoring benefits.
The Social Services Com-

mittee argued that the old

figures should continue as a check. When the Government

refused to do so, it commis

sioned the Institute of Fiscal Studies to do the job.

It was then that the error in government calculations was found. It affected earlier

assumptions and ministers are being forced to revise tables.

Leading article, page 15

By Our Social Services Correspondent FAMILY doctors may be

"undertreating" ethnic minorities in deprived areas particularly in inner London, a report claims today.

The report from the King's Fund Institute and the Centre for Health Economics calls for an investigation into the apparent link between low prescribing costs in some ar-eas of high deprivation with large populations of African, West Indian or Asian origin.

Statistics compiled by the Department of Health show that in general factors associated with deprivation, ciated with deprivation, including high unemployment, seem to be positively linked with raised NHS prescribing and dispensing rates. High spending on drugs is found, for example, in such less well-off northern areas as Liverpool and Rochdale.

The report, however, points to a negative association between the proportion of new Commonwealth and Pakistani origin and overall spending on medicine. London family practitioner committee areas such as Camden and Islington and the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham area - which are rated as the second and third most deprived areas in England - are also among the lowest four drug spenders, well below the national average of £39 a head.

Medicines, the NHS and Europe
by David Taylor and Alan
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Frank Field: Tory majority
on his committee



Part of the deserted South Mill at Manningham Mills, which with their bulk, their Italianate architecture and their ornate, 250ft campanile chimney, dominate Bradford, a testimony to Victorian ambition. The Victoria and Albert Museum wants to open a Nothern branch at the site.

Designed for the inventor and entrepreneur Samuel Cualiffe Lister, they date from 1870, when they were the largest silk mills in the world, employing, at their height, over 7,000 people (Peter Davenport writes). However, Lister and Co's manufacturing on the site is now concentrated in the North Mill, and, in order to conserve the South Mill, with dramatic facades reminiscent of Venice or Florence, the company intends to refurbish and re-develop the 12-acre complex in a £70 million achieve.

The proposed Lister City is intended to retain the magnificent multi-floored buildings and to make them as vital to Bradford's future as they were to its commercial past.

The Victoria and Albert Museum is discussing funding with Bradford City Council, the Department of the Environment and the Office of Arts and Libraries. The "V&A in the North" is them with another measure almost certain to include an important permanent display of treasures from the museum's South Asian Collections.

Yesterday, Mrs Jacqueline Bond, of the Lister City Project Office in the South Mill was on duty to provide information to visitors to an exhibition on the scheme.

Pedal power seen as the right route

By Tom Giles

PROPOSALS for a 1,000-mile tion in London. Bikes don't ional support for pedal-power will ease urban congestion and stem a sharp rise in cycling

ining their potential as a clean alternative to car travel.

The Department of Transport has given its conditional also considerations. backing to London's cycling scheme, to be drawn up by local authorities and pressure groups such as the London sales of bicycles have risen the Earth and Transport 2000. over the past decade. How-Supporters say that it could ever, there has been a encourage 500,000 more Lon-commensurate increase in acdoners on to bicycles by the cidents involving cyclists. end of the decade and raise the proportion of journeys into the capital made by cycle from total

London Cycling Campaign, said that Britain's expenditure on cycling was well below that and drivers park on the lanes. of many European cities. Public investment in Copenhagen, for example, had resulted in bicycles accounting for up to 30 per cent of road traffic. She transport crisis with conges- policed properly."

network of bicycle routes in take up much space and they London are to be announced don't pollute the atmosphere. next month giving campaign- But they should still play a ers hope that increased nat- part in properly-integrated transport system, involving road tariffs and greater expenditure on public transport." A ministry spokesman con-

After the development of ceded that the Government's cycle lanes in towns such as interest in the network was Cambridge, York and Milton due in part to cancellation of Keynes, city planners road-building plans under the throughout Britain are exam- London Assessment Road London Assessment Road Scheme last month. Concern for cyclists' safety and the need to reduce car traffic were Helped by environmental

awareness and recently-ac-quired fashion status, annual Cycling Campaign, Friends of from 1.5 million to 2.8 million In London alone, 32 cyclists

were killed last year, well up on 1988's figure of 24. Even in 4 per cent to 10 per cent of the the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, with London's Miss Kate Toller, of the most extensive system of bicycle routes, cycle accidents rose by 20 per cent last year, Mr Mark Oppe, director of a

London bicycle courier company Wings, said: "We are all in favour of bicycle lanes, but there's no point in having added: "There is clearly a them unless the lanes are

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AS THE new Latvian govern- points of the Latvian declaraprogramme for administering express the certainty that the a country which it only par- character of our declaration, tially controls, informal dis- its retention of existing cussions between Moscow and constitutional norms, and its the Latvian government sincere desire to respect the appear to have begun. The interests of the USSR will new Latvian first deputy president, and Popular Front chair-and open the way to a fruitful man, Mr Dainis Ivans, said dialogue in the spirit of honest yesterday that two veteran co-operation between equals." Latvian negotiators, Mr Ilmar Bisers and Mr Mavrik Latvian government will Wulfsons, had been in touch by telephone with officials close to President Gorbachov who are believed to include Mr Valentin Falin.

Mr Bisers said that he had told the Soviet officials: "Our declaration was not for today, but for the future. We have not declared immediate in-dependence." He asked them to inform Mr Gorbachov of this, and to request him not to take up any position on the basis of information from men like the local Soviet Communist Party leader, Mr Alfred Rubiks, "whose objectivity cannot be trusted".

According to Mr Ivans, "the only request on the Soviet side was that we should provide them with a thorough explanation of our declaration." Such an explanation, signed by President Anatoli Gorbunov, was sent to Mos-cow yesterday.

After setting out the basic

Plea for Western pressure

Cambridge, Massachusetts

MRS Yelena Bonner, the human rights activist and widow of the late Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr Andrei Sakharov, criticized Western govern-ments on Sunday for not keeping up pressure on President Gorbachov. "I am convinced that, until the West pressures Gorbachov (to recognize the Baltic states' independence), we are going to lose perestroika," Mrs Bonner told the Zoryan Institute, an Armenian Cultural group.

So far, the positive changes had taken place in areas where the West had imposed the greatest pressure. "Five years have passed," she said, "and no attempts were taken to change the (Soviet) constitu-Instead, the Government was reverting to some undefined form of socialism, and all disturbances were met with typical Soviet harshness.

"Armenia was a test that showed his (Gorbachov's) demagoguery is not in step with his actions. A real perestroika movement was crushed in favour of a constitution created by Stalin." (Reuter)

Mr Ivans said that the shortly be sending a delegation to Moscow, "though not tomorrow, because of the holiday" — the two-day long celebration of the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany. "J don't think that the Soviet Government has any reason not to receive our delegation."

Echoing the line taken by Ivans said: "We are willing to concerning the interests of the Soviet Union, but we will not deviate from the declaration we have made."

Artillery fire has boomed intermittently across Riga in recent days as Soviet gunners rehearse with blank shots for the salvoes which tomorrow will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Nazi defeat. On Friday night and Monday morning, the Army held full scale rehearsals for the parade on the embankment of the River Daugava. Many Latvians see this as intimidation, but Mr Ivans was anxious to play down the parade's significance.

We are trying to interpret this liberally, simply as a celebration of victory over the Nazis, and we want the whole population of Latvia to inter-pret it this way", he said. "We hope that long enough has now passed since the war, and that next year the parade will be without weapons, and the year after that, that it will cease altogether".

He called for the "inter-nationalization" of the Baltic question. "We want the question of the Baltic to be included in the Helsinki II negotiations," he said. "We want the four powers of the anti-Hitler coalition to negotiate an end to the occupation of the Baltic, in the same way tion of Austria after the war.

Meanwhile yesterday the parliament in Riga confirmed in office the new prime minister, the Popular Front deputy chairman, Dr Ivar Godmanis. In his speech before the vote, Mr Godmanis said: "The first duty of the government is not to allow a sudden economic deteriora-

tion." The government would pursue economic talks with Moscow, with the other Baltic republics, and with individual republics and enterprises across the Soviet Union.



Medals on parade: Soviet Second World War veterans bearing their medals with pride in the Kremlin yesterday. They were being addressed by President Gorbachov at the first formal event of a week's celebrations marking the 45th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe

Professor finds willing pupils on Romanian election trail

From Christopher Walker, Vaslui, Romania

the elections.

worst smears.

man has so far escaped the

become an election star.

Speaking on his campaign

aircraft, a well-equipped, if antiquated Antonov-24 "lib-

erated" from Ceausescu's fleet

and now rented out, Mr

Roman explained why he had

reversed his decision an-

CZECHOŚLOVAKIA

IN LESS than five months, Mr Petre Roman, the man most likely to emerge as Romania's first freely-elected Prime Minister in more than 50 years, has been transformed from an obscure professor of hydraulic engineering into a politician tailor-made for the television age. Among women of all ages, the most sought-after memento of the turbulent campaign has been his signed photograph, smiling and clutching a rose, the symbol of the National Salvation Front for which he has emerged as the main crowd-puller alongside Mr Ion Iliescu, the in-

terim President. While some other Front leaders have had to play down dubious past service for the old Communist Party, Mr Roman stuck to the academic world before the revolution, He came from a famous Communist family and was a party member until December 19, when he tore up his card in protest at the shooting of

unarmed civilians. On the campaign trail, his reception has been adulatory. Members of his party were twice nearly crushed as he toured Moldavia at the weekthat they ended the occupa- end, drawing crowds of up to

Although tell-tale buses and lorries showed that the Front had not forgotten the organizing skills of the defunct Communist Party, there was no denying the passion of the voters for a man who played a prominent television role in the revolution.

As the many incidents of violence have shown, the average Romanian's idea of democracy - especially in rural areas - is not that of a politics seminar in Britain. When I asked one voter whether Mr Ion Ratiu, can-Artistic freedom, page 18 | didate for the rival National

right-wing groupings, would win a similar reception, he replied: "I will be reaching enthusiastically for my crow-bar if he comes here."

Cocking a snook at demonstrators in Bucharest who have accused the Front of selling out to neo-Communism and promoting Kremlin-approved policies, Mr Roman told shoppers cramming a huge precinct in Vaslui: "The facts cannot be erased with words. Whatever those demonstrators may say, we know who really fought the revolution.

One campaign official said: These people have got light, heat and food, which did they not have before. They have also got a genuine hero. I defy anyone seeing this type of crowd to claim that all that enthusiasm is a result of manipulation.

Dressed in a fashionably cut check suit, which stood out among the 1950s clothing of his supporters, Mr Roman displayed political skills acquired during his brief period as interim Prime Minister and economic trouble-shooter for the provisional administration. His words were often drowned by deafening chants nounced so firmly in January from the flower-waving not to stand for office. "I

"We want you. We want you. We will not leave you", the crowd chanted, before mobbing Mr Roman's party, which included a black-robed Archbishop from the Orthodox Romanian Church, a Front candidate for the Senate.

A reporter who asked cynically about his attendance at

Peasant Party, one of the main the televised re-sanctification realized that I had a moral of the first church to be contract with those who bereopened in the area since lieved in me and for whom I Ceausescu's downfall, was was a hope during the darkest told by Mr Roman: "There is days of the revolution," he a long tradition in Romania of said. "There was also mount-the Church playing a part in ing public pressure and pressure from within the Front.

Mr Roman, aged 43, is half-Jewish, as his father Mr Valter In the wake of the revolution, Mr Roman said, most Roman (née Ernest Neuvoters were looking for "pollander), a member of the itical stability and a quiet Romanian Communist Party life". He admitted that, owing to the sweeping allegations about voter manipulation, who fought against the Fascists in the Spanish Civil War, some parties would find it "very hard" to accept the was descended from an old rabbinical family in Tranelection results as fair. sylvania. Despite the ugly mood of anti-Semitism now He angrily dismissed allegagrowing in Romania, Mr Ro-

tions that the Front was perpetuating communism. "I am convinced that com-Just as the revolution was munism is dead, not only in largely conducted on tele-Romania, but all over Eastern vision, so the election is being Europe," he said. "In Romafought mainly on the single, controlled channel which still nia, this system had no benefit, economic, social, or moral, broadcasts from studios in and the horrors of the Bucharest. That is another Ceausescu era were no acreason why Mr Roman has cident. They were a product of

> Mr Roman (who speaks fluent English, French, and Spanish) predicted that, in the event of a Front victory, rapid privatization of parts of the economy would be needed.

quickly for privatization and the introduction of the market economy in certain areas, notably tourism, external and internal trade, and construction. There will also have to be swift decentralization," said. "But we shall not be permitting the type of 'savage liberalism' you have in Britain. We shall be seeking a model with more emphasis on social protection, like Sweden

Voters in Berlin buck the trend

From Ann McElvoy

RED Berlin lived up to its century-long reputation in the East's first free local elections on Sunday by bucking the national trend and returning a Social Democratic (SDP) mayor, and boosting support for the communist Party of

Democratic Socialism. The Christian Democrats (CDU), whichreinforced its position as the dominant party nationwide, struggled on 17 per cent in the capital — a performance roughly com-parable to that of the com-

munists elsewhere. The psephology of Berlin has always been at odds with the historical trends of the century, and it has reverted mmediately to type with the SDP and communists emerging as the main political forces from both the general and local elections.

The 30 per cent communist vote in East Berlin enrages conservative southerners who are unable to understand how the city can vote for the successor party of the repressive former regime. Nationwide, the party gained 14 per than most other reformed communist parties in the Eastem bloc.

The feat by Herr Gregor Gysi, the party's personable leader, is remarkable. In December, he publicly toppled Herr Egon Krenz when the transition leader failed to respond to the demands of the baying crowds, and promised "to sweep away the Stalinist

East Berlin was the capital of socialist bureaucracy and is no doubt still winning votes of gratitude from the system-servers who migrated here to pursue careers in the Orwellian ministries and mysterious communist party institutes.

But it also has a more durable left-wing tradition, more reminiscent of pre-war days than the post-war German trend of working by consensus.

Even its beroes are different. In the southern German home of Bertolt Brecht, the left-wing dramatist, they are grudging about their most famous son who they feel betrayed them by going to live in the East after his exile. In East Berlin, however, he is a much-loved figure: the desecration of his grave at the weekend outraged the city and may have propelled a few wavering communists back to

the party. Both Berlins now have popular Social Democratic mayors determined to estab-lish a future united Berlin as an SDP stronghold.

Social democrats form party in Moscow

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

LESS than a week after carrying its banner proudly into Red Square for the May Day parade, the Social Democratic Association of Russia has constituted itself as a fullyfledged political party. More than 250 representatives from all over the Russian Federation, and a number of foreign guests, met in Moscow at the weekend to decide the form and structure of the new party. Its existence was finally announced late on Sunday night.

The Social Democratic Party is the second party to have been established since the full Soviet Parliament passed amendments to the constitution removing the Communist Party's monopoly in March. The Liberal Democratic Party held its founding congress last month. A third party, the Russian - or Nat-ional - Democratic Party (the name has not been finalized) is also in gestation.

At present, neither of the new parties presents any real competition to the Communist Party. Each is small and has a following domi-nated by intellectuals. More-over, in a beginning which is regrettably all too characteristic of new political groupings in the Soviet Union, the founding of the SDP was delayed by disagreement on organization between dele-gates from Moscow and Leningrad.

The Leningraders wanted pluralism of opinion within the party, the Muscovites wanted a system akin to majority decisions being binding on all. The party now says it stands for ideological pluralism, a multi-party system and a mixed economy that would combine the right to private ownership with the best possible social guarantees for the

under-privileged.

The establishment of the Russian or National Democratic Party is in the hands of a steering committee chaired by Mr Nikolai Travkin. The party will comprise those reformist Communists who were members of the Democratic Platform and who chose to leave the Communist Party altogether after the group was condemned as "schismatic" by the Central Committee.

Other potential members are adherents of the intertary deputies, founded by Mr Boris Yeltsin. This group has had several inconclusive debates about turning itself into

As the leading force in the umbrella group, the Bloc for a Democratic Russia, the group's candidates swept the board of many local councils in the March elections, taking control of Moscow, Leningrad and several other cities. If Communist members of the bloc were to leave and join forces with the incipient party. the Russian Democrats would probably offer the most convincing challenge to the

Communist Party. Mr Travkin, a former head of one of Moscow's largest construction trusts, is making a determined effort to win the votes of Soviet workers. Over the May Day public holiday he addressed the first allunion congress of workers' movements and organizations in the Urals city of Kemerovo. He warned delegates of the opposition they might face from the official trade unions, saying that the official media present them as extremists

According to a hostile account of his speech published in the Rabochaya Tribuna, a daily paper with a readership of mainly blue-collar and manual workers, Mr Travkin had exhorted delegates to return home and urge their fellow workers to leave the Communist Party for his Russian Democratic Party.

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Iliescu to begin talks with **Bucharest demonstrators**

From Our Special Correspondent, Buchares

TALKS are to open today in an attempt to end a 16-day anti-government demonstration that has blocked the com-mercial centre of Bucharest and overshadowed the general election scheduled for May 20.

Mr Iliescu, the interim President and one of the main targets of the round-the-clock cries of defiance from the protesters, has offered to negotiate with leaders of the various groups organizing the protest, which is taking place on the exact spot where scores of students were gunned down during the December revolu-tion. His offer came after the protests spread to other cities. The demonstrators want to

prevent leading members of

ist Party from standing for office in the elections. One attempt to remove them by force was abandoned last month. Since then, they have staged almost continuous street theatre, depicting the National Salvation Front led by Mr Iliescu, the leading candidate for President, as the old

Communist Party in disguise. About 200 students and workers have pitched tents on lawns around University Square, and barricades have been thrown up. The university buildings, where anti-Ceausescu slogans were once daubed, are now plastered with anti-Iliescu slogans.

A leading member of the

the old Romanian Commun- Front said the provisional Government had ruled out any change in the electoral law: "There is no question of rewriting the rules about who can stand. That is out of the question. The law has been passed by a large majority in the provisional Parliament."

> The demonstrators have been demanding that former leading members of the Communist Party be barred from standing for public office for 10 years, a ban that would include Mr Iliescu. They have also been calling for a postponement in the parliamentary elections until September and an end to state control over Romania's single

Quayle flies in for talks with Thatcher By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent



A taste of Europe: Mr Quayle enjoying a pastry in Rome's Via Veneto before flying to London

MR DAN Quayle, the United States Vice-President, arrived in London last night at the head of a delegation which included Miss Susan Eisenhower, the granddaughter of the late president, her Russian husband Mr Roald Sagdeyev, a member of the People's Committee of the Soviet Union, and Mr William Rog-ers, the former US Secretary of State in the Reagan

Administration. Mr Quayle is on his first visit to Europe as Vice-President as part of celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of President

Mr Quayle and other members of the delegation attended a private dinner hosted by Mrs Thatcher at Chequers last night after their arrival from Italy and will have further talks with the Prime Minister at Downing Street today. The Vice-President will have sepaHurd, the Foreign Secretary. be strengthened," he said. US officials said the discussions would focus on German unification, the changes in Eastern Europe and the

In Rome yesterday Mr Quayle visited the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower and addressed the Italian Parliament, where he called for Western support for the democratic changes under way in Eastern Europe. "These revolutionary gains are fragile. They need not just

our encouragement, but our sustained support," he said. "I am here to tell you that the Government and people of the United States are determined to belp this democratic

He called on the Nato allies to consider new tasks for the alliance in a changing Europe. "As Nato adopts new missions, and Europe faces new challenges, the 'European pilrate talks with Mr Douglas lar of the alliance is likely to

"We welcome greater cooperative and consultative measures among our Euro-pean allies. We recognize that these efforts will help keep America in Europe, not out."

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, told Mr Quayle that during the process of increased intergration, Europe had no inten-tion of weakening links with the US. "We must act in such a way that Americans feel increasingly an integral part of Europe and feel indis-linked to us," he said.

In London today Mr Quayle is scheduled to host a breakfast meeting with a cross-section of political and business leaders, attend a lunch given by Mr Henry Catto, the American Ambassador, and attend a parliamentary recention hosted by Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, before flying to Paris for the final leg of the tour.

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Arms talks offer to allay Soviet fear on Germany

From Ian Murray, Bonn

EARLY negotiations on the strength of a united Germa-Soviet Union will continue to offered to the Soviet Union as part of a Nato-inspired pack-age designed to calm the Kremlin's fears about secunity. The negotiations, which would also involve levels of British and other Nato forces in Europe, are expected to be dded to the arms reduction talks in Vienna.

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They answer the plea for help from Mr Eduard Shev-ardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, at last weekend's meeting here to discuss the reunification of Germany. Emotions would boil over in his country, he said, unless it was confident that its security was not endangered.

As one of the victorious Second World War allies, the Soviet Union retains a veto over German unity, but it has made clear it will not use this provided it is sure its security is not endangered.

Mr Shevardnadze had little or no choice when he accepted the inevitability of a united Germany as a member of Nato. The democratic decision to merge the divided nation could not be denied, nor could its will to be a member of the alliance.

West Germany has no intention of leaving Nato, and when East Germany accedes to its Basic Law the united country will be bound by all its existing international treaties and obligations, including Nato membership. Faced with this situation. Mr Shevardnadze exchanged his veto for assurances of security and pledges of economic support.

In return he has already been told that the Soviet Union will be able to retain its residual rights and responsibilities over Germany as one of the four allies, for as long as it takes to negotiate the sec-

chairman of the US Joint

Chiefs of Staff, has called for

an exhaustive review of mili-

tary strength and strategies

which he believes could lead

to a 25 per cent cut in the

In an unusually frank inter-

view in the Washington Post

yesterday, he said that every

single weapons system, mili-

tary base and operational

doctrine, as well as personnel

levels, should be re-evaluated

in the light of the end of the

Cold War. Whatever had been

rendered obsolete by the crumbling Warsaw Pact threat

Mongolia

protests

called off

Peking - Nearly a week of sit-

ins and hunger strikes across Mongolia ended after the country's largest opposition

group, The Mongolian Demo-

cratic Association, agreed to

join a government advisory body, Mongolian radio said

The advisory council would

be allowed to draft bills and

suggestions to submit to Mon-golia's Communist-domi-nated legislature.

Tass reported yesterday that

the opposition and authorities

also agreed to set up a full-

time parliament, to be elected by a secret ballot held in the current legislature. (AP)

Swapo murder

charge dropped

Windhoek - Mr Donald Ach-

eson, the Irishman held in

custody since last September

after the assassination of An-

ton Lubowski, the Swapo leader, was freed yesterday

and the murder charge against

returned to him and his lawyer

said he would probably fly to West Germany on Thursday before returning to South Africa. (AP)

Rioters ignore

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Mr Acheson's passport was

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ny's armed forces are being be able to keep troops on East German territory while Nato

This in no way means that Germany would not be part of Nato, although it does mean that Nato's future, along with Germany's part in it, is on the negotiating table. These talks could take two or three years, leading to the eventual withdrawal of Soviet troops from East German territory.

Britain, the United States and France would also keep their rights over Germany for the transitional period, but these would have only nominal importance. West German territory would remain under Nato protection.

A united Germany will thus not gain total sovereignty until the Soviet Union is satisfied with all the security arrange-ments. One consequence could well be that a decision to move the capital of a united Germany to Berlin will have to be deferred until the end of the transitional period.

West Germany is willing to make this sacrifice in the interests of a stable reunification process. "In two or three years the world will have changed, but for the transitional period the Soviets must have an answer for their security and we understand that," a diplomat said.

Although the two Ger-manies will be one before the extended Vienna talks are complete, President Gorbachov will be able to tell his critical public that the proce to control the strength of its Army is under way.

• WASHINGTON: A united Germany should not only join Nato, but should also be a base for nuclear weapons under its control, Herr Manfred Worner, the organurity guarantees and agree- said yesterday. (Reuter)

> nated. Within four to hy years US military might could

> > General Powell mentioned

no cash figures, but such a

retrenchment would mean a

cut of about \$75 billion (£45

billion) in an annual budget of

He also foresaw the day

House of Representatives and

the Senate Budget Committee

- seeking a "peace dividend"

- approved plans for \$24 billion and \$21 billion cuts respectively in the \$307 bil-

lion military spending au-thority for 1991 requested by

the Administration. General

Powell indicated that a thor-

ough review could help fend

off such cuts, which he clearly

believes are too deep at this early stage. "You're going to break this force if you ask us to

He acknowledged that it

was no longer necessary to view the Soviet Union through "these evil empire"

filters that we used for many many years". The US would have up to a year of "political

and strategic warning" of a Soviet offensive in Europe.

General Powell envisioned

a US force of four main

components: a "heavy" force

with tactical nuclear weapons

capable of fighting a medium

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US general seeks

military overhaul

From Martin Fletcher, Washington GENERAL Colin Powell, should be modified or elimi-



Envoys of youth: Yulia Prokhorenko, left, and Margaret Poteeva, both aged 11 and from the Soviet Union, who were among 1,000 youngsters at the fifth annual World Children's Day in the UN headquarters in New York

Foreign ministers grapple with EC political union

From Michael Binyon, Brussels

and experts to begin the task of drawing up the report that the ministers will present to EC leaders at the Dublin

summit in June. At the heart of their discussions over the next two months will be the issue of "subsidiarity", a concept that will also be debated by the European Parliament next week when it considers European political union. Par-liament is soon to publish its own report on "subsidiarity", drafted by M Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the former French President and leader of the liberal group at Strasbourg. It is likely to form the basis of the consultations between parliamentary leaders and Community foreign ministers on May 17, when MEPs give their views on how Parliament can be involved in the inter-governmental conference on political union at the end of the year.

Subsidiarity is the term used to mean leaving to member states all issues that can best be dealt with at a national level, while allowing Brussels require Community-wide reg-

EUROPEAN Community for- ulations. At the Dublin eign ministers yesterday held summit, EC leaders discussed their first discussion here on whether subsidiarity should European political union, or- be officially written into the dering their political directors text of any treaty change when political union is discussed in December.

The outline of M Giscard d'Estaing's report was pre sented to the European Parliament's committee on institutional affairs last month. It says the EC should evolve towards a decentralized federation, and proposes that member states should have exclusive competence in a range of fields, including culture, education, sport, public freedoms, public order, civil and penal law. The report also proposes turning the EC Court of Justice at Luxembourg into a real Supreme Court, able to decide in cases involving the sharing and distribution of

The European Parlia has already defined what it calls the "essential core calls the responsibilities", which must now be strengthened to form the basis of a European union. They are: economic and monetary union, especially as it impinges on the social and environmental sectors; foreign policy, including security, and European citizenship, to decide only matters that including the protection of fundamental rights.



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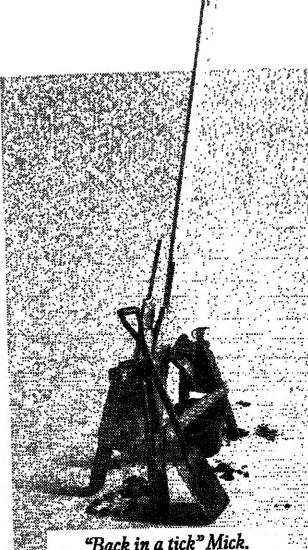
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Seoul - President Roh asked South Koreans yesterday to help prevent the nation from slipping into "chaos", but dissidents and radical students stepped up anti-government protests, with riots in

several cities. In the port of Ulsan workers armed with petrol bombs at the top of a crane in South Korea's biggest shipyard started talks with manage. ment after more than a week aloft (AP, Reuter)

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Iran weighs new peace proposals by Iraqis

ition to adopt regarding radical new peace proposals by Iraq. These suggest that the Algiers treaty of 1975 — which delineated the 700-mile course of the two countries' common border - form the basis of a pact to put a formal end to the Gulf War of 1980-1988.

The proposals apparently satisfy Iran's key objective for signing a peace treaty with Baghdad. An informed source Tehran said the initial reaction of his country's leaders was "positive".

The proposals were contained in a letter from Iraq's President Saddam Hussein to President Rafsanjani, his Iranian counterpart, and were conveyed to Tehran late last week, apparently through Se-

Setback for Arab hopes on summit

From Michael Theodoulou

A WEEK of tortuous diplomatic efforts to end the long and bitter feud between Syria and Iraq foundered yesterday when Syria announced it would not attend an emergency Arab summit in Baghdad. Instead Syria proposed an emergency meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis to discuss a venue and agenda for a summit in the future.

The message was conveyed by the Syrian Foreign Min-ister, Mr Farouk al-Shara, to the Arab League's Secretary-General, Mr Chadli Klibi, one of many high level envoys shuttling between Middle East capitals hoping to get the summit off the ground.

Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan have all been involved in efforts to end the rift between President Assad of Syria and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

IRANIAN leaders were yes- nor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, terday discussing what pos- the United Nations Secretary-They differ from all pre

vious Iraqi proposals in hold-ing the Algiers treaty still relevant to the two countries' interests. The treaty was re-nounced by President Saddam in September, 1980, a few days before his forces invaded Iran.

Tehran's state-controlled media confirmed that the letter was being considered by the foreign policy committee of the Majlis, the Iranian parliament, but it did not disclose details of the pro-posals. But the source said that the letter suggested the Saudi Arabian holy city of Mecca as the venue of the next round of peace talks.

"As we have no diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia. it would be quite difficult for the Iranian Government to agree to the initiative as a whole," he said.

"But it is definitely a step forward and the initial re-action of our leaders is positive."

He agreed that the latest proposals might explain why Iranian spokesmen in recent days have toned down their hostile references to Iraq.

Iraq's proposed venue may be a bargaining point as well as a gesture to Saudi Arabia. It was a Saudi Arabian news-paper, Asharq al-Awsal, that first disclosed the Iraqi letter. But talks could still flounder if Iraq continued to insist that

the only outstanding border dispute concerned the Shatt al-Arab waterway, at the head of the Gulf, which appears to be the case from the details disclosed so far. The Algiers treaty marked the deepest channel of the river at any one point as the

border, meaning that both Iran and Iraq had equal navigational rights. Analaysts said President Saddam's latest concession is linked to his desire to host an Arab summit in Baghdad at the end of the month.



Wreckage litters a railway line north of Sydney where a double-decker commuter train and a veteran steam train collided, killing six people

Sabotage feared in rail crash

From Robert Cockburn Sydney

POLICE are investigating whether sabotage caused Australia's worst rail accident for 13 years. Six people died and more than 100 were injured on Sunday when an electric inter-city train ran into the back of a steam train into the back o carrying jazz fans. It had stalled trying to climb a steep gradient outside Sydney.

Police were looking for fingerprints on a hand-operated brake in the steam train's third carriage. Mr Bruce Baird, the New South Wales Transport Minister, said the brake had been applied, probably by a passenger. The state government banned steam train outings on its railway network until further

The 47-year-old locomotive was returning from a jazz festival when the accident happened. Among the dead is Professor John Ward, the former vice-chancellor of Sydney University, who once taught at Cambridge University. sity, his wife Patricia and their

Trial told of beating by Mrs Mandela

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

turns with members of the Mandela United Football Club," her squad of bodyguards in Soweto township, in beating up three young men and a teenage boy whose body was later found on open ground, a judge was told here

Mr Kenneth Kgase, aged 30, one of the alleged victims, told the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg that he had been terrified by Mrs Mandela, the wife of Mr Nelson Mandela, the Deputy President of the African National Congress He said she stanged Congress. He said she slapped, punched and whipped the four of them and pulled them by course of the two countries the hair. Mr Kgase said that as she punched him she ordered

him not to block her blows. Mr Kgase was giving evidence at the trial of Mr Jerry Richardson, aged 41, who was the Mandela United "coach". Mr Richardson has pleaded

The world is our community

MRS Winnie Mandela took not guilty to the murder of turns with members of the "Stompie" Mocketsi Seipei, aged 14, a black activist, and to further charges of at-tempted murder, kidnapping

> It is alleged that "Stompie" and the other three were abducted from a Methodist Church house in Soweto in December, 1988, and taken to Mrs Mandela's home by Mr Richardson and members of the football team.

"Stompie" was accused of being a police informer who had "sold out" four ANC members, and the others were accused of having a sexual relationship with a Methodist

An investigation by the church cleared the minister of the allegations while early last year the "Mandela United Football Club" was disbanded after Soweto leaders called on the community to distance itself from Mrs Mandela.

Sihanouk bows out of politics

Peking — Prince Norodom Sihanouk said yesterday that he will take a long leave of absence as leader of the Cambodian resistance and will no longer be involved in the

country's politics.

He will devote himself to rehabilitating his people. He asked the Phnom Penh Government to allow him to travel in zones it controls, but said he would not attend planned talks with Mr Hun Sen, the Prime Minister. (AFP)

Appeal move

Jerusalem - The Supreme Court here has admitted as evidence the accounts of two Poles who could cast doubt on whether John Demjanjuk who is appealing against a death sentence - was the Nazi death camp guard "Ivan the Terrible". (AP)

Crete threat

Athens - Colonel Gadaffi of Libya has disclosed in a Greek television interview that he was ready to bombard US bases on Crete in 1986, shortly after a US air raid-on Libya.

MP is killed

Colombo – Sam Thambimuttu, a Sri Lankan Tamil MP, who was about to begin a tour of the US, Canada and Britain, has been assas-sinated outside the Canadian High Commission here. (AFP)

Family held

Lisbon - Mozambican Renamo rebels say they are holding four South Africans whose yacht entered rebelheld territory. (Reuter)

Denktash wins

Nicesia - Mr Rauf Denktash's ruling National Unity Party in north Cyprus has romped to victory in general elections. (Reuter)

Peak reached

Peking - An expedition of Chinese, Soviet and American climbers has reached Everest's summit. (Reuter)

Mermaid attack

Copenhagen — A seven-inch gash found in the neck of the "Little Mermaid" appears to be an attempt to decapitate the bronze tribute to Hans Christian Andersen. (AP)

Bribe sentence

Sydney - Edmund Rouse was jailed for three years for trying to bribe an opposition MP to save Tasmania's Liberal Government.

Indian security crackdown contains unrest in Kashmir Christopher Thomas, the first Western

INDIA has gained the upper hand in the beleaguered Kashmir Valley after an aggressive two-month security operation by thousands of troops, police and paramilitary forces.

The valley is now a fortress. Factories, schools, univer-sities, banks and post offices are mostly closed. The police and paramilitary presence in Srinagar, the summer capital, is overwhelming.

Between them, the security forces and at least 50 militant organizations have removed just about every semblance of normal life. In Srinagar, as in other towns, a shoot-on-sight curfew falls at 6 pm every day and remains in force for the next 15 hours - unless there is trouble, in which case it is extended. A general strike called by Moslem separatists yesterday brought life to a standstill.

India may have contained the secessionist challenge, but it has certainly not removed it. It is patently obvious that almost every Muslim supports an independent, reunited Kashmir. Contrary to Pakistani propaganda, nobody wants to join Pakistan, whose crisis is deeply resented. Even 'Azad" Kashmir, seems to be moving in favour of a breakaway from Pakistan. After 400 years of being ruled by outsiders, nationalism bas taken a firm hold on both sides of the

line of control. Many people in the valley observe small personal acts of protest against India. They watches on the right wrist, for example, and set them half an hour back, to Pakistani time. This little badge of rebellion infuriates security forces, who demand

the grubby alleyways of bazaars like Budshah Chowk have erected signs in Urdu, instead of the usual English. painted on a background of green, the colour of militancy.

The police and military seem to be everywhere. There is a sandbag bunker on every corner in central Srinagar. Foot patrols move constantly through the streets. At night, after curfew falls, military convoys rumble through the deserted city.

A curfew was imposed for 15 consecutive days and nights from April 6 to 21. It was a traumatic experience, recalled with great bitterness. Food almost ran out, and towards the end only rice and cereals were left in most households; pregnant women were known to have died for want of medical attention; political exploitation of the there was no electricity; and every day the security forces fanned out into a new district. searching houses and taking away unknown numbers of young men.

Atrocities undoubtedly took place. The Central Police Reserve Force, a non-Kashmiri paramilitary body manned by Hindus and Sikhs, is despised and feared. Yet security officials in Delhi admit that they captured few militant leaders. The circumstances under

which people are held are not known. The International Committee of the Red Cross

divided along sectarian lines to check people's watches at and the Delhi-based Civil Lib-roadblocks. Shopkeepers in erties Centre are not allowed to enter the valley. All terrorist trials are to be conducted more than 100 miles away in Jammu, the second city. Since Jammu is predominantly Hindu, it will be difficult for alleged subversives to find an

correspondent to visit Kashmir for three

months, finds a population increasingly

acceptable lawyer. The Government has closed the valley's three local newspapers: Aftab, Alsafa and Wudi ki Awaz, all of them Urdu-language publications. In retaliation, militant organizations have banned the distribution of all outside newspapers, including the Jammu-based Kashmir Times, creating an overwhelming sense of

Censorship has been imposed without any official announcement. All items filed by a local Indian news agency reporter begin with a reminder to his editors: "Subject to official clearance at Jammu."

All people killed by security forces have to be described as "militants". The reporter said: "I know many innocent people are killed, but I cannot say so. Nor can I write that the independence movement is supported by every single Muslim in the valley, which it is."

Almost all Hindus, previously about 4 per cent of the population, have left the val-ley and are housed in refugee centres in Jammu or Deihi. The Indian Government attributes their flight to intimidation by secessionists.

Local human rights activists, however, insist that the Government encouraged the exodus to create the impression internationally that Hindus were under siege from Muslim fundamentalists, In smart Srinagar suburbs like Chanpora, dozens of big Hindu homes stand empty. The keys have been left with Muslim neighbours and the houses are obviously being well looked after.

According to a prominent lawyer in Srinagar, who is involved in human rights work, 2,000 people are held under emergency regulations, although it is impossible to substantiate the figure. Last week, a special Srinagar court that tries alleged subversives was closed — he believes to prevent local Muslim lawyers from defending suspects. They will never get a fair trial in Jammu," he added.

Foreign role suspected in Pakistan train blast

THE Pakistan Government ordered an investigation vesterday into the bombing of an express train in which 13 passengers died, and an official suggested India or Afghanistan might have been

No one claimed responsibility for Sunday's explo-sion, in which 40 people were injured.
"I do not rule out the

possibility of either an Indian Zaffar Leghari, the Railways Minister, said hours after a 5lb bomb ripped through the first-class car of an express train bound for Karachi.

Twelve people died at the scene, and one person died of injuries at a Lahore hospital yesterday, authorities said. The accident occurred less

than 10 miles from the border with India, which blames Pakistan for two violent secessionist movements in the Indian states of Punjab, and Jammu and Kashmir. Miss Benazir Bhutto, Paki-

tan's Prime Minister, said: "Those who want to distract attention from what is happening inside India have a motive to do something in Pakistan.

Hundreds of bombs have exploded in Pakistan in recent

Patten under fire over 'green' talks isters of Eastern Europe's from the high promise of

By Michael McCarthy Environment Correspondent BRITISH environmental

pressure groups combined last pressure groups combined last night to criticize Mr Chris Patten, the Environment Sec-retary, for his last-minute decision to pull out of the international conference on sustainable development, or "green growth", opening today at Bergen in Norway. The conference is the first

Western attempt at a coherent international response to the warning issued in 1987 by Norway's then Prime Minister, Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, in the report of the LDN World Commission. the UN World Commission on Environment and Development: that human pressures on the Earth are now leading to combined environ-mental and human disaster.

The meeting is a first step toward possible international agreement on how the whole world, especially the poor countries, can develop without destroying the environment on which all life



Mr Patten: He blamed sure of work at home ultimately depends, through the "greening" of economic policy-making.

The 34 Bergen participants, seeking agreement first on a regional level, are the countries of Eastern and Western Europe, with the US and Canada, and the meeting will bring together for the first olds said: "This decision is time the environment min- another tien in the long retreat

emergent democracies. Mr Patten, a well-known enthusiast for the Brundtland report since his time as Minister for Overseas Development, was listed as one of the principal speakers at the conference, and his decision

late last week to pull out and send his deputy, Mr David Trippier, has caused surprise and anger among environ-mental groups and Third World aid organizations. Last night 32 groups, rang-ing from the United Nations and Christian Aid to the Town

and Country Planning Associ-ation and the World Wide Fund for Nature, backed a letter to Mr Patten from Miss Fiona Reynolds of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, saying: "We can only conclude that Britain is not prepared to give the issue top priority and that once again environmental considerations are being subjugated to other considerations." Miss Reyn-

Chris Patten's early days, and a clear signal that Britain's new green image was a false dawn. By not participating be has revealed the British Government's lack of commit-ment to the international environmental process."

Mr Patten's withdrawal, believed to be related to the pressure of his responsibilities for the poll tax, may do real damage to his credibility as the standard-bearer of the British Government's environmental concern.

Mr Patten said last night : "The Bergen conference comes at a particularly difficult time in departmental terms and, as I explained to the Norwegian Environment Minister, to my very consider erable regret I was unable to fit it in.

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Menem nurtures seeds of an economic revival

ONLY four months after fac-ing what seemed like an irreversible economic collapse, Argentina is at a crossroads on the road to

recovery.

Recession is biting hard but, after 40 years of economic decline and mismanagement, Argentines are taking it with surprising fornitude. Hyperin-flation is in decline: down from 200 per cent a month last from 200 per cent a month last July to 12 per cent in April, and still falling. The austral, which at the beginning of the year hit a record 6,000 against the dollar, fluctuated quietly last month at around 5,000 on the open market. Tougher axation and expenditure cuts have restored government finances, and this year the country will service its crippling foreign debt.

At the centre of this apparent revival is President Menem, a Peronista no less, who only six months ago was dismissed as a dangerous lightweight. Wearing a light gabardine suit President denem welcomes me warmly at the door to his office in the Casa Rosada, the presidential palace in Buenos Aires. The side-whiskers are shorter than when he was campaigning, when he said more blood might yet be spilt over the Falkland Islands

His office is comfortably austere and restful. We sit at the head of the table around which General Galtieri's junta blundered into war. President Menem produces an ornate pipe and fills it with fresh tobacco (Dunhill "London

Why did you choose to make your political career in the Peronist party, considering its negative record in

"I can do business with Britain," says President Menem of Argentina, who once threatened to spill more blood over the Falklands. He told Maxi Gainza in Buenos Aires that his policies are at last putting his country on the path of economic reform. Next, he wants to meet Mrs Thatcher

government? He pulls un-hurriedly at his pipe, then answers in a good-natured way: "Negative, positive: depends which way you look at it." Then he adds in his slow, melodious riojano accent:
"Im a nationalist, and from very early on I realized there were strong affinities between my way of feeling and that of ideology)."

But surely your policies have nothing in common with traditional Peronism? Peronism is corporatist, inter-ventionist, in thrall to the unions, anti-American and anti-British. President Menem supports free enterprise, puts the brakes on fiscal profligacy, launches a daring privatiza-tion programme and "regulates" the unions' right to strike. He is on exceptionally friendly terms with the United

States, wants a similar rapp-

rochement with Britain ... No, he hasn't forsaken Justicialism - he avoids saying "Peronism". He reminds me that be joined the movement after Peron's overthrow in 1955, "when the going was tough", and spent most of his political life in the wilderness because of his allegiance to it; was imprisoned, tortured and banished to a remote village in northern Argentina by the military regime. "All I did was mature and adapt principles

to a rapidly-changing world."
But for the eight million who voted for you, it seems you turned the traditional Peronist message on its head? He disagrees. Peronism was long overdue for an ideological overhaul to remain viable in the 1990s. He took the lead, trusting the party would fol-low him. "A leader must stay

at the head of his party," he

declares. "Otherwise the party will walk off with his head."

But he says he dislikes talking in terms of party. Indeed, there are far more Menemists today than there ever were Peronist voters.

The old party has rallied round, albeit grudgingly. Trade unions no longer hold the Government to ransom. The military, alienated by former President Alfonsia's less than even-handed dispensation of justice to officers involved in the "dirty war", are back in the fold - barring a few hot-headed ex-colonels.

President Menem deftly outmanoeuvres, isolates or wins over opponents. He has stolen the fire of the only party to constitute a credible alternative to both Radical and Peronist populism, the conservative Union del Centro Democratico, by adopting its liberal economic policies, adding a "caring" conscience, and renaming the policies the "Productive Revolution".

Señor Menem is said to have adopted these economic ideas with the single-minded conviction of the convert. "Not conversion," he corrects me. "Evolution rather."

Perhaps the religious over-tones of the word "conversion" touch a raw nerve. Born a Muslim of Syrian immigrant parents, his conversion to Catholicism before entering politics prompted malicious speculation over his motives for turning to Christianity. conviction that liberal conservatism is the solution to Argentina's crisis?

Again a calm, quizzical look. "There is nothing new about my policies. Many be-fore me believed in them, but didn't dare carry them out. Not even Peron. They lacked courage - not conviction."

privatization. "State industries are losing \$10.5 million a day; almost \$4 billion a year! This can't go on."

Mrs Thancher would have

said, "There is no such thing as a free lunch". Señor Menem likes the phrase, repeats it slowly and carefully. So, will he send home 200,000 public employees, as he says he

The politician in him takes over. First he is trying "redeployment" and early retirement schemes. Then he must wait for Congress to pass the new Employment Bill, which should at long last provide support for those out of work. As if in mitigation, he reminds me that public sector wages only take 3 per cent of GNP, while state spending on its loss-making industries takes 8 per cent of GNP. He

will deal with these first.

Is he backsliding? Too soon to tell. Harsh, dogmatic measures rub against his grain. But I do not doubt his resolve, nor the cunning, seat-of-the-pants instinct with which he flies seemingly erratic courses while apparently keeping on Winding up the interview, I

ask how he regards the resumption of Anglo-Argentine diplomatic relations. He is satisfied, and hopes relations will soon return to their old warmth. Naturally, he will keep up the struggle for recognition of Argentine sovereignty over the Malvinas, but — despite the election rhetoric—only through peaceful means. "There is no doubt in my mind that the Malvinas are Argentine," he says, "and that we'll get them back some day. I myself might not see that day, but my children will - or else my grandchildren. Meantime, I don't see why we can't have good relations with Britain."

Yes, he would like to visit Britain. "I'm told Mrs Thatcher would also like to visit Argentina," he adds, She would be very welcome.

"Any message to the Brit-ish?" He ponders the question. "Tell them", he replies, One of the biggest tests of "that we can do good business political courage will be together."

US foils cocaine cartel's missile plot

US INTELLIGENCE officials uncovered the most advanced attempt yet by the Medelifn cocaine cartel to obtain Stinger anti-aircraft missiles at the weekend when they arrested several Colombians linked to a leading drug trafficker.

The FBI has traced the foiled plot back to Señor Pablo Escober, one of the most wanted men at the head of the cartel, according to a report in The New York Times. The intelligence agency arrested at least three Colombians on Saturday in the cities of Miami and Tampa, long centres of the drug trafficking industry between Latin Americal ica and the United States.

Colombia's drug smuggler already have a large arsenal, but US authorities say they have recently foiled several similar but less advanced efforts by traffickers to obtain Stinger ground-to-air missiles. ABC television news reported on Sunday night that the traf-fickers intended to use the weapons to increase their grip on Colombia by attacking the aircraft and helicopters of President Barco of Colombia, and his Cabinet.

The report of the conspiracy to procure the Stinger missiles comes amid signs that Colombian drug smugglers have been intensifying efforts to obtain weapons. A supply of Uzi machine guns reportedly found their way three months ago to José Rodriguez Gacha. Gacha, one of Colombia's most notorious leaders of drug gangs, was killed by the Colombian police in an ambush at his ranch early this year. US authorities are struggling to determine how the arms fell into his hands since they were approved by the Israeli Government for transfer to the Caribbean island of Antigua_

A senior government of-ficial told The New York Times that the Medellin certel was expecting to pay \$5-\$6 million (£3.1-£3.7 million) for the 24 Stinger missiles, which had not yet left the United States when the FBI broke up the conspiracy. The official said he was unable to confirm the ABC report that the traf-fickers aimed to kill President Barco, who has stepped up co-operation with the United States to rid the Andean countries of the narcotics

Anti-drug intelligence networks have linked Senor Escobar, thought to employ weekend in Florida, with the murders of leading political candidates over the past year. Two weeks ago, a gunman aboard a Colombian aircraft stepped out of the plane's toilet 10 minutes after take-off from Bogota and shot dead Señor Carlos Pizarro Leon-Gomez, a former left-wing guerrilla who joined the presidential race last month.

Señor Escobar and Gacha vere named a year ago by the US in a list of the 12 most wanted Colombians connected to drug trafficking. America estimates that 80 per cent of its cocaine is supplied by the Medellin and Cali



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Argentina sends a quiet pragmatist to break ice

From Charles Bremner, Buenos Aires

the romantic Latin so well that he sometimes seems to be indulging in self-caricature.

But the man he is sending to London on Friday to break the ice as Argentina's first Ambassador since the defeat at the hands of Britain in 1982 is the very antithesis of the President. Señor Mario Cámpora, a diplomat-politician from President Menem's own Peronist party, is most comfortable behind the scenes in the corridors of power.

It is the place he has spent most of his working life from the Washington and Delhi embassies of his early career to the period of the 1970s, when he worked as right hand to his uncle, Hector Cámpora, who served a stormy six-weeks as head of a radical administration after Juan Perón returned from exile in 1973.

Señor Cámpora, who is aged 59 and of medium stature, is hardly the type who will cut a dash at the Court of St James or make a spiash on the talk shows. But that would be the last thing Argentina would want in an envoy whose task is, to say the least, delicate. Sensibilities over the Falklands are still raw on both sides, particularly in Arg-

Señor Câmpora has been serving as Deputy Foreign Minister under Señor Domingo Cavallo, who has been having talks this week with his site number, Mr Douglas Hurd. He says his brief is to help put things back to where they were before the ruling generals embarked on their

PRESIDENT Menem of Ar- have deep roots. If we are cent of the inhabitants came gentina fits the stereotype of careful and help fertilize the later from Europe." tree, it will quite soon be back in good condition," he says,

> It is an open secret in Senor Menem's inner circle that the President was happy to pack Señor Cámpora off to London, since the two men failed to hit it off personally. But Señor Cámpora's

painstakingly choosing his

English words

credentials in the Falklands matter are impeccable. Unlike many of Argentina's dipomats, he was never obliged to defend the invasion, since he sat out the eight years of the military junta working with his uncle and the Peronists and writing treatises on international affairs both at home and in Mexico and eisewhere. It was only in 1984, in the months after the generals departed, that he rejoined the service when President Alfonsin sent him as Ambassador to the Geneva disarma-

ment conference. Argentina and Britain make natural friends, Señor Cámpora says. "Our economies have always complemented each other. The United Kingdom has a great maritime vocation and Argentina is at the bottom of the world, almost like an island. Britain is present in so many pects of Argentine life."

He keeps returning to Argentina's cherished links with the Old World. "We in Argentina are the Europe of Latin America," he says. "The reason is very simple. When the Spanish came to this continent this area was not inhabited by an old civilizainvasion of the Falklands in tion as was the case in Mexico the socialists were a April, 1982. "Our relations or Peru. About 80 or 90 per the very beginning."

in London, Señor Cámpora says, he will be able to help reestablish the old commerce. There is plenty of scope for trade," he says and he rejects, as he must, the fashionable talk about South America being left on the sidelines as the rich countries race to start business in East Europe.

The Ambassador's bookshelves bulge with the political classics. There are Das Kapital, the complete Lenin and Khrushchev's memoirs, as well as the thoughts of Augusto Sandino, the pre-war Nicaraguan revolutionary. Such left-wing figures reflect the radical "Justicialist" ideology devised by Peron after be was impressed by Mussolini's Italy in the 1930s. Its main feature is a blend of paternalistic socialism with right-wing nationalism.

Since those days Peronism has swung full circle through the political spectrum to the point where President Menem has embraced a free-market ideology that must have the old President turning in his grave. "You have to remember those were the 1970s and the Vietnam syndrome was prevailing in international relations, Señor Cámpora says. "Nowadays it's com-pletely different. It is quite clear now that the Western alliance, that is the US, Western Europe and Japan, have prevailed with their political systems. They have shown how with political and economic liberties it is possible to build an egalitarian society. That is the way to reach what

President Barco: A key target for the drug barons

Yen to speculate in art fuels prices

FED up with rich but novice most expensive Van Gogh - Art Sales Japan, in 1988, says: a commission. But moments Japanese art buyers driving up world prices by purchasing Western pictures purely for speculation, a top Japanese art dealer is closing his anction business until, he says, his countrymen recover their

Mr Takayuki Hayakawa, a dealer for the past 20 years, says he is irritated by Japanese customers who pick paintines only by their price tags. He also feels embarrassed to be playing a role in the art price spiral by banging down his gavel on bids far higher than many pictures are worth.

In a country which imports Western art as keenly as Western countries buy Japa- exhibit a pricey painting as a nese cars - come to Japan if conversation piece. you want to see the priciest

Mr Hayakawa looks like being as successful as King Canute in holding back the tide.

Sotheby's is so confident that the market is still flourishing in Japan that it recently began holding auc-tions in Tokyo. The hunt by Japanese investors for a new home for their money now that the stock market is looking littery has boosted Japan's ari-buying boom, says Miss Kazuko Shiomi, head of Sotheby's in Japan.

For some Japanese collectors, buying art is a handy way taxman. It has also become fashionable for coffee bars to

Mr Hayakawa, who started Picasso sold, or the second Japan's first auction house, because as an auctioneer I get

year or so has been extraor-dinary. I have tried to create an art market with appropriate prices, but because of the nature of auctions I can easily imagine having to conduct auctions that are against my principles.

"Some people ask me to find them a painting worth, say, 100 million yen (about £380,000) because they have exactly that much in cash. Others come asking how much profit they could make if they bought a painting now and sold it next year.

"When someone makes a winning bid for a painting at an exorbitant price, I am usually surprised and glad at the same time for a moment,

The art market in the past later I realize that I myself had a hand in raising prices."

Japan imported 280 billion yen worth of art last year, mostly French Impressionist Art dealers reckon the figure will top 400 billion yen this year. Among recent acqui-sitions were Picasso's "Les Noces de Pierrette", bought by a Japanese car parts company for 300 million French francs (£32,258,00) — a record for Picasso - and Willem de Kooning's "Interchange" picked up by a Japanese collector for \$20.6 million (£12.6 million), a record sum for work by a living artist.

Mr Hayakawa reckons that it will be a couple of years before the Japanese art market crashes. Then he will pick up his gavel again.

66 THE ISSUE IS NO LONGER APARTHEID, BUT WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY WILL REPLACE IT. 99

Gavin Relly, Anglo American Corporation. February 1990.

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The storm weathered

Woodrow Wyatt

he media's political mood has changed dramatically from last week to this. Those so recently convinced that Mrs Thatcher was a no-hoper, with her continued leadership certain to hand Labour victory, are backtracking fast. Even BBC interviewers have begun to ask Labour leaders awkward ques-tions, and Ladbroke, the bookmakers, have reduced the odds ·against a Tory win to evens. (I'm glad I got on before that.)

- A forecast in The Sunday Times

Jour days before the event estimated Labour's gains in the local elections at 600. They were half that and bore no relation to the conclusions of national opinion polls which had been putting Labour's lead around 23 per cent and higher. If the voting had been the same at a general election, Labour would have got 40 per cent, the Conservatives 32 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 18 per cent. Certainly such a lead would win Labour a general election, but we are two years

away from that. Last November the Fabian Society published a well re-searched paperback, Can Labour Win?, by Martin Harrop and Andrew Shaw. It examined ratiomally the 60 scats which Labour must win to prevent Mrs Thatcher having an overall Commons majority for the fourth time. In 23, a majority of more than 7 per cent has to be overturned, including 10 with majorities of over 9 per cent.

That would be extraordinarily difficult. For Labour to have an overall majority it must win an additional 40 seats where, in 1987, it trailed by between 10.9 per cent and 16 per cent. It is likely that Labour will win some of the essential 100 target seats but nowhere near all. The higher the vote for the Liberal Democrats which in the local elections was double their polls rating - the harder it will be.

As its policies are at least partially flushed out, support for Labour will dwindle. The soberminded John Smith, its potential chancellor, gave a revealing glimpse in The Independent on Sunday: "I've got to keep public spending under some sort of control, and I've also got to increase public spending." He admitted that those earning more than £18,000 a year would pay higher taxes. This figure is in the range of actuality, or aspiration, of large numbers whose votes Labour must attract for the first time. Nor will the millions of new share owners be assuaged by Labour's intention adversely to affect the status of their shares in the newly privatized industries.

Soon Labour will be compelled to disclose the nature of its alternative to the community charge. However blurred, it will of Wandsworth and Westminster is clear, and it was not diminished by the Tories' narrow defeat at doubters will rally to her.

Bradford, which they had held for only 18 months and where Mr Tebbit's "cricket test" dismayed the large Muslim community.

Voters are coming to understand that it is local councils, not the Government, which are responsible for excessive commu-nity charges. Many will take heart and start to use their votes accordingly. In Scotland, with the community charge a year old, Labour's local election vote went down by I per cent, in contrast to

The principle of the community charge was vindicated last Thursday. If the Government were to abandon it, the unnecessary climbdown would destroy its credibility. There is no resistance to adjustments to iron out anomalies and unreasonable hardships, though a deliberate policy of many Labour councils is not to publicize how easily the generous rebates for 10 million chargepayers can be btained on application.

There must be protection against wantonly wasteful and inefficient councils determined to use their powers to set their charges in the stratosphere. The Government will probably devise a scheme by which councils may not set charges above an upper limit, though they can set them well below it, as in Wandsworth and Westminster, to retain the power of accountability which is

now taking effect.

It is said that no government has ever come back from as far down in the opinion polls to win a subsequent election. This is an era in which past records are repeatedly broken, and my guess is that it will be the same with this one. Volatility among the voters has never been so great. Irritation with the Government over high interest rates and mortgage pay-ments, compounded by the first unpleasing repercussions of the change from the unsustainable rating system to the community charge, prompt short-term, misleading answers to the pollsters on distant voting intentions.

The greater effort polisters put into making their polls accurate, the more unreliable they become. George Bush found that to his delight after the polls had him trailing 17 per cent behind Du-kakis shortly before the 1988 presidential election. Already the NOP in The Mail on Sunday has cut Labour's lead to 13 per cent, which presumably shows a trend.

The fashionably savage attacks on Mrs Thatcher, widespread in the press and broadcasting, will soon reverse, proving to have been counter-productive. Well before the next election we are due, such is the nature of the changeable media, for an upbeat reappraisal of her achievements and the importance of her staying where she is to advance them. We can her leadership and assume that all but the most hardened Tory MP

Patrick Nairne balances the public's right to know and official need for a degree of secrecy

Yes Minister, please tell us more

s a former Whitehall per-manent secretary, I have been teased about my occasional role as an adviser to the Freedom of Information Cam-paign. Has Sir Humphrey Appleby changed his spots?

Any change I may have underany change I may have undergone was put to the test when I took part in an edition of the television programme Hypotheticals, about government leaks (BBC2, tonight). The programme is based on a fictional scenario about the crash of an aircraft with which a group in the Green movement planned to frustrate a British nuclear test. It exposes the reactions of the participants - some experienced in government, others from the media — to sub-sequent hypothetical disclosures which embarrass ministers and Whitehall officials. In the hypothetical role of Permanent Sec-retary of the Ministry of Defence, I quickly found myself back inside the leopard-skin of Sir Humphrey. The scenario offered only limited ammunition for the freedom

of information campaign. Any Freedom of Information Bill

would have important exemp-

tions; matters affecting national security, such as the organization of a British nuclear test, would certainly be exempted. But the situations presented by the sce-nario realistically revealed the likely attitudes and responses of Whitehall in such a situation. These need to be understood by all

seeking more open government.

Ministers and civil servants are always under attack for their disposition to cover up not only what needs to be kept secret, but what could be politically damaging. Whitehall's culture of secrecy is bred in the bone of British parliamentary democracy. Adversarial politics promote economy with the truth. But my own experience of more than 30 years in government is that every day ministers are compelled— whether they like it or not—to provide a vast range of informa-tion in response to MPs, the media and the public. An active Oppo-sition and the vigour of the media see to that, and their pressures are supported by information techniques unimaginable in the past. Governments will do every-thing possible to publicize their going well, but the waves of probing and critical questions break ceaselessly on the Whitehall shore. There is ample evidence of

that today.

Many MPs have declared their support for a Freedom of Information Bill, but pressure from Parliament is not strong. It is much stronger from the special-interest groups outside Westminster. They are justifiably concerned about the extent to which governments can withhold information about inportant developments or activities within the public sector - for example, about environmental change, civil nuclear power or medical research. Governments are unwilling to take the public into their confidence. A Freedom of Information Act would help their critics, although they would have to specify precisely what information they wanted — and be

ready to pay for it.

The critics should recognize other factors too. Scientific research may initially be incomplete and subject to major revision. Other departments, and sometimes other governments, have to the implications of new informa-tion, the more cautious ministers are likely to be, because care and time are required to assess its impact on current policies and on financial resources. It is essential that governments be able to choose the timing of their disclosures to Parliament and the world.

But sometimes they have no choice. A disaster like Chernobyl or an international crisis such as a political hijacking may compel a public statement before all the facts are known. The information available may have to be made public immediately if lives are at risk without it. But the constant flow of green and white papers, and of facts and figures from government departments, contains a mass of politically sensitive information, beneficial or damaging, which governments will always wish to use for tactical advantage. The presentation or timing of one government announcement may be affected by plans for another, and ministers are bound to take into account electoral and constituency factors public interest against doing so. It is an ancient Whitehall maxim that successes should be announced one by one, and all the bad news together. That has a ring of Sir Humphrey, but it is the political reality. The love-hate relationship between government and media will always be with us.

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There is no immediate prospect of a Freedom of Information Bill, but there has been some progress. Section 2 of the old Official Secrets Act has been removed; fuller access to local government business, to environment and safety information and to personal files and records is available. But there is still a long way to go before the Whitehall culture is fundamentally changed and the doc-trine of "the need to know" is replaced by that of "the right to

Political will is required. The Opposition is committed to a Freedom of Information Bill. If there is a change of government ahead, the campaigners can look for swifter progress at last. Sir Patrick Nairne. Chancellor of Essex University, was Permanent Secretary, DHSS, 1975-81.

When British rectitude put the mark back on its feet

Tim Congdon contrasts Montagu

Norman's 1920s achievements with

the difficulties today in restoring shattered East European economies

eventy years ago, in the aftermath of the First World War, Eastern Europe suffered from financial difficulties as severe in many respects as those of today. Hyperinflation was a recent memory or an imminent threat; currencies were mostly unconvertible, hindering trade with the more prosperous and stable countries of Western Europe; heavy foreign

of course the problems in the early 1920s were a legacy of warrather than the result of communist mismanagement. But the present task of financial rehabilitation poses a very similar challenge to the nations of Western Europe. The response so far also has parallels with the earlier period as parties of economic advisers, monetary experts and international civil servants travel from one East European capital to another making proposals to improve financial policy.

The British contribution was notably more prominent in the early 1920s than it is today, with Montagu Norman of the Bank of England recognized as having played the pivotal role in European financial reconstruction. Working with senior civil servants from the Treasury, he was the main architect of a stabilization plan for Austria in late 1922 which stopped inflation, corrected the payments deficit and led to a trebling of foreign exchange re-

serves in a year. The Chancellor of Austria is said to have remarked, "I would like to erect a statue in gold to the remarkable Mr Norman" (this was partly a reference to Norman's enthusiasm for a return to an international payments mechanism based on gold). The Austrian programme was soon imitated with success in Hungary and later in Greece. Bulgaria and elsewhere. These countries relied partly on oans, arranged by Norman, from the League of Nations.

Even more important was Norman's involvement in Germany. In 1923 the value of Germany's currency collapsed in the notorious Weimar hyper-inflation. In mid-June the mark was quoted at 100,000 to the dollar; by the middle of October at 4,000 million to the dollar. In November Dr Hjalmar Schacht was appointed national currency commissioner and created a new currency, the Rentenmark.

Norman, anxious to restore an ordered international financial system, invited Schacht to London in December 1923 and introduced him to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and leading City bankers. On January 1, 1924, Schacht personally presented Norman with his plan for stabilizing the Rentenmark, the main feature being a new German central bank with gold backing. Asked where he intended to raise the funds. Schacht said he wanted to borrow half from the Bank of England. In an extraordinary act of faith, Norman agreed.

Over the next few days Norman secured the approval of his colleagues for an initial advance of £5 million and during the rest of 1924 he was instrumental in assembling finance from private banks for the Dawes loan (named after General Charles Dawes, soon to be US vice-president) which represented an essential international endorsement for the new arrangements. In his memoirs Schacht readily acknowledged Norman's help in bringing German financial chaos to an end. But Norman had not been working alone. Through their advice and financial assistance both the Bank of England and the Treasury had made a vital contribution to restoring a sound German currency.

In later years Montagu Norman became something of a joke among the British intellectual avant-garde. In particular the economic sophisticates who surrounded John Maynard Keynes at



Cambridge regarded him, like the gold standard which he defended so resolutely, as a relic of a bygone era. He suffered the particu-Bloomsbury aesthetes, writers for the New Left Book Club and similarly influential groups in British society — of believing in such old-fashioned ideals as a sound currency and the value of public service.

The Keynesians laughed loudest about two principles which Norman had seen as basic to the financial recuperation of Eastern Europe. The first was that governments had to halance their budgets. If they could not do it themselves they ought, in his view, to get foreigners (often British Treasury officials) to do it for them. The second was that

central banks should be indepen-

dent of political control. According to the Cambridge eynesians of the 1940s and 1950s, it would be difficult to imagine two more antiquated and redundant ideas. Hadn't Keynes shown in his General Theory that governments ought to unbalance their budgets deliberately in order to control the level of total spending in the economy? And wasn't it necessary to nationalize central banks so that they would not obstruct the democratic con-

troi of economic policy? Nationalization of the Bank of England by the Attlee government reflected the complete obsolescence of Norman's ideas and approach. And when he died in 1950 he was full of resentment. He wrote to an American friend: "As I

look back it now seems that with all the thought and work and good intentions which we provided, we achieved absolutely nothing. The same may be said of the League Loans, I think we should have done just as much good if we had been able to collect the money and pour it down the drain."

from the standpoint of dearly 1990 that seems short-sighted. The new situation in Europe has created some wonderful historical and geographical ironies which put Norman's work in an altogether different light. It is not just that officials from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other international bodies are again making grand tours of Berlin, Warsaw, Prague and Budapest with proposals for balanced budgets and independent central banks. It is also, and much closer to home, that the cause of central bank independence has come to be regarded as intellectually ad-vanced. Mrs Thatcher's reported opposition to the idea has given it the final seal of approval among certain sections of the chattering classes as particularly progressive

Moreover, the advanta taking monetary policy out of the political arena are argued now with a German example in mipd. It is said that the key to explaining West Germany's low inflation rate in the post-war period is that the Bundesbank has been independent of government, while Brit-ain's high inflation has reflected the Bank of England's subservience to political masters; and whereas in the 1920s Britain helped Germany to recover financial stability, it has now become the job of the German central bank to rescue the Bank of England and the Treasury from their failures and inadequacies. In a remarkable reversal of roles. Germany is to give Britain a decent currency.

Montagu Norman never liked publicity, and his ghost may be distraught at the evolution of his ideas into high intellectual fashion. But such are the tricks that historical experience has played on certain political dogmas in the 20th century.

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thing or two about the relationship between heat and friction. The thing I know is that there is a relationship. Had I not given up physics at 14, I should probably have found out what the other thing was, but there you are, you

cannot be everywhere at once. Anyhow, if God had wanted us to know everything, he would not have given us the British educational system. Free will is the Almighty's way, and who am I to argue with that? Especially since I gave up divinity the same term. Offered the choices, I shrewdly guessed that my life would be better served by an ability to decline amo and list the principal exports of the Gold Coast, and f have not been proved wrong.

This does not prevent me from taking as today's text the observation that heat produces * friction. I have of course heard that there is a body of opinion which holds the opposite view, but that is no more than you would expect from mere theorists. They ought to get out and about a bit. And what they ought to get out and about to is more lunchtime drinks parties, now that the ozone has, as I understand it, gone through the greenhouse layer, and there's more to come, say the weathermen.

For we have suddenly become a race which drinks al fresco. We have people over at noon, and we usher them towards lawn and flagstone, and we fill their right hands, and they amble about among shrub and tub, and the sun thrums down upon them, and they chat and chortle happily enough, and all is more or less as it was in the blissful days before it was 82° and still rising. And then the

friction enters the soul. Do not get ahead of me: I am not about to address that homicidal irritability which comes to lesser breeds when the mercury goes up. These are civilized folk of whom I speak - should the sun-kissed talk turn to, say, Heseltine or Latvia or the Booker Prize, they do not take swings at one another, they do not fumble beneath the sweated seersucker for Colt and lifepreserver, they do not roll amid the petunias, their hands locked

e physicists know a around one another's throats. All that happens when the hot weather strikes is that they say things outside which they would never dream of saying inside. The only part, indeed, which the heat plays is to put them where they can do the saying. In the old, cold days of yore, you had people over for summer drinks, and they stared out at the drizzle for a bit, and then they got on with the sluicing and the small talk. What they never, ever, did was criticize their surroundings. They did not say: "Did you realize your carpet has got moth?" Or: "I know a bit about furniture, and that chiffonier is unquestionably fake." Or: "It's time you had that rising damp seen to." Or: "I've sat on a few uncomfortable sofas in my time, but this one takes the bloody biscuit!" So why should it be that the

simple act of shepherding them out into the sunshine should have the effect of stripping from them all pretence of civility? Why, as you are topping up his glass, should a guest nod down-ward towards his feet and observe: "Yes, well, you realize of course that the only way to get rid of all this couch-grass is to dig the whole thing up and start again?", the man on his right chuckle and say: "Never mind couch-grass, as far as I am aware couch-grass doesn't fall on you, have you taken a look at that chimney of his, I give it six months, tops" and the man on his left chip in with "Yes, I noticed the chimney when I was looking at his guttering, you ought to have that guttering seen to, half the brackets have rusted off"?

Why do their wives then join you so that one can point out that if you don't do something about the leaf-curl on your eucryphia it'll be dead by tea-time, and another shriek "First things first, have you seen the thrips on his gladdies, you'd think he'd never heard of Malathion!" while the third inquires icily whether you have something to bang her heel back on with, and her husband smirks and says, "I warned you about

that path of his, didn't I?"? Forgive me, I only observe this, I cannot explain it. To me,

closed book than physics.

Out—even before the mayhem

hether English soccer into European competition is likely to be determined not by the behaviour of the fans but by an internal power struggle in UEFA, the European football organization. Ironically, Lennart Johansson, the newly elected UEFA president who will be required to deliver the blow, is a strong supporter of the return of English clubs. The English FA, which nominated him for the job. believed that its faith had been rewarded when Johansson held open the European door for Liverpool and other top English sides on his election in Malta two weeks ago, only hours after Jacques Georges, the outgoing presi-dent, had roundly criticized English supporters. But even be-fore the Leeds fans' outrages at the weekend, the 60-year-old Swede's conciliatory approach came under attack within UEFA and he was forced to backtrack. Jacques Georges and Freddy Rumo, a Swiss lawyer whom Johansson narrowly beat in the election, have forced him to adopt a tougher approach, which looks certain to keep English clubs in the cold

again next year.

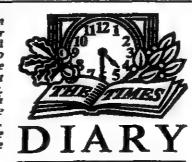
Johansson will be at Wembley on Saturday for his first FA Cun Final and will take the opportunity to have talks on the issue with Colin Moynihan, the Sports Minister. But the conclusion aiready seems foregone - and the suspicion remains that the ugly scenes at Bournemouth will be merely an excuse for a decision that has already been taken.

• A few days before moving from Bath to the West End, Sir Peter Hall's production of The Wild Duck summarily dismissed two members of the cast. They were rabbits - one so old and blind that it knocked itself out on the props, while the other, it is said, had such huge floppy ears that the audience could not see that it was a rabbit. There are also two hens in the production, but they failed to come out in sympathy.

Graces' triangle

ttempts by followers of the Three Graces saga to dis-cover the true ownership of Britain's most famous statue continue to be thwarted. The Marchioness of Tavistock, wife of the former owner, stonewalls in a fashion that must bring tears to the eyes of Bernard Ingham. What s particularly mystifying is why a family noted for its flamboyant promotion of Woburn needs to incur such odium by its secrecy over a work of art. Nobody mentioned the Cayman Islands when the Tavistocks proudly sent The Three Graces as their contribution to the Treasurebouses of Britain" exhibition in Washington in 1985, the year in which this British "treasure" sold. The statue appeared in the catalogue as firmly belonging to the Tavistocks.
No subject seals more lips in the

art world than the matter of export sales. The reason is simple. A number of owners of works vulnerable to an export ban are known to have made use of the Caymans gambit. This involves selling a work to a company sheltering behind nominee shareholders, so that inquiries about the control of the company vanish



into a Bermuda triangle of the Caymans, Geneva and London. In any such scheme, the vendo retains a percentage interest in the buying company only in the event of it selling the work on to a third party, the resulting profit being conveniently and quite legiti-mately made offshore.

The service offered by such Cayman subsidiaries - for a handsome cut rumoured to be as high as 20 per cent — would include not telling the vendor the names of the directors of the company, so the vendor can deny all knowledge of "who bought it While the Tavistocks deny

retaining any interest in the Three



Graces, their lawyers' connections with the company that bought the statue have led to speculative rumours that even this famous family may have been tempted by such a tax-efficient - and totally legal — scheme. Washington State University is

running courses in fast food, with a \$50,000-a-year professor lecturing on "Better Burger Mechanics and Pizza Theory". British higher education also has some strange disciplines these days, judging by the appearance on BBC! of an appearance academic described as earnest academic described as Comics Lecturer, Bristol Polytechnic". If only one of his students could get on University Chall-enge: "John Smith, reading Comics at Bristol Poly ...

Brooke upstaged

llegations of plagiarism are A dogging the opening of the new musical based on the life of Rupert Brooke, by discjockey Mike Read. Young Apollo is due to open in Leatherhead next month and may transfer to the West End. Bill Kenwright, the producer, originally approached playwright Catherine Muschamp to write a "workable" book. He had bought the rights to the musical after seeing it tried out in a village school, and, according to Muschamp, felt it was "naive and sentimental". Muschamp came up with a a completely different approach, which Read disliked and Kenwright rejected - apart, says Read, from "a couple of ideas" which he insists are among the accepted facts of Brooke's life. When the musical began casting early this year. Muschamp got hold of a copy of Read's reworked version, which she claims con-

tained "five or six scenes and ideas" directly lifted from her script. Read offered her 25 per cent of his royalties and a mention in the programme - although she has already been paid a fixed sum for her original commission - but she is not satisfied, and the matter is now in the hands of the Society of Authors. "She's the only one who has been paid so far at all," says Read, who is finding it difficult to work out what else Muschamp wants. "Mike Read is perfectly entitled to write his own book, but he shouldn't use mine, retorts Muschamp.

Tantalizing

hat consummate politician Michael Heseltine is playing cat and mouse. Few pol-itical speeches have ever been so extensively trailed as his expected assault on the poll tax, following last week's local elections, but the timing and setting remain secret, and Heseltine is being uncharacteristically coy about his movements. "It's business as usual this week," he says. "Parliamentary engagements will oc-cupy him throughout today. Wednesday and Thursday; he is appearing on BBC Question Time on Thursday night, and addresses a conference in Liverpool on Friday. That night he will cross the Pennines to address Harrogate Tories. In the meantime, he refuses to be drawn on his alternative to the poli tax. "I have not given any indications about that," he said yesterday. He also denies that he is coming under pressure to end the speculation. "I have not heard a word from the whips. They are as relaxed as I am." If that is true, the whips are not the men they used to be.

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UNTYING THE ALBATROSS

Can Mr Michael Heseltine win the next election for Mrs Thatcher after all? Later this week, he intends to put forward proposals on how the Government might resolve its biggest dilemma since it returned to power in 1979, what to do about the poll tax. Such proposals could be the key not just to his party's fate but to his own hope of succession when Mrs Thatcher eventually steps down.

The Prime Minister has emerged from the local elections with her previously shaky leadership looking more secure, thanks to the remarkable manipulation of government grants to certain "flagship" London councils.

As a result, Mr Heseltine's off-repeated assertion that he would not stand against Mrs Thatcher and that she will lead the Tories into the next election looks an increasingly safe bet. Opinion polls may tell the party that he would be the better leader electorally, especially among floating voters, but he has ruled out a direct contest and Mrs Thatcher has ruled out resignation.

Which leaves Mr Heseltine and the reform of the poll tax, to which even the Cabinet appears committed. The phrase to which government spokesmen have been clinging in recent months is that "the basic principle of the community charge must remain intact". The question of which principle is basic and which can be discarded is left conveniently open.

The principles which Mr Heseltine should firmly proclaim this week are those of local accountability, of each household paying something for local services and of some linkage to ability to pay. These aspects of poll tax were part of its original purpose, but have been diluted under political pressure. By being a flat-rate impost, the new tax has found itself so capped and rebated as to lose its essence. This essence should be recaptured in any reform.

What must be changed is that the tax must be imposed not on individuals but on households, and imposed progressively. Only thus can the curse of ever widening rebates, and thus ever diminishing numbers of payers, be avoided. Last week, Mrs Thatcher was saying that one in four local voters would not now be paying full community charge, a high percentage that undermines the accountability

But on what basis should a charge be levied? Britain must not go down the route of personal or household income assessment, with its difficulties of means testing, monitoring and policing. The only sensible method of making a local tax progressive is to relate it to the prosperity of whole households, and the only sensible way of doing that is to base it on the benefit that households derive from the value of their property. There is nothing wrong in basing a small part of the public revenue on property value - every other Western nation

Such a basis would avoid the need for yet another boost to rebates, since for the most part the poor live in less valuable property than the rich. As was the case with the rates, a property-valuation community charge would be simple to register and collect, since the existing rating lists could be used. The biggest test for the Government would be to abandon capping. But no aspect of the community charge has given more ideological distress to its ardent supporters. Capping destroys the whole point of the tax: accountability. Mr Heseltine, who fought at the environment department against Treasury controls on local spending, could even revive his excellent idea of a local referendum for councils planning to go above their standard spending assessment.

The virtue of Mr Heseltine espousing a property-based community charge is twofold. First, he can present it as evolving out of the existing tax towards greater accountability and progressiveness. Second, he would steal Labour's clothes and could neutralize local taxation as an election issue. Certainly, a reform along these lines would mean climbing down from the pure heights of the community charge. But those heights are already surrounded with political pollution, shrouded in cost and unpopularity. Mr Heseltine would be doing his party, his leader and himself a favour if he could plot a safe path down to earth.

THE POVERTY TRICKLE

The Government has never claimed to rely solely on the much criticized "trickle-down" theory as its answer to poverty. None the less. it has taken comfort from the fact that statistics seemed to show it working, even if the "cardboard cities" of the metropolitan homeless suggest otherwise.

The statistics are wrong, says the House of Commons Select Committee on Social Security, in a unanimous report disclosed in The Times today, According to the committee, the poor have not done nearly as well as had been thought - hardly well at all, in fact.

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Trickle-down theory holds that a dynamic economy helps the average and better than average person to become richer, and this effect will multiply, eventually lifting the standards of the poor as well. In so far as a growing economy means failing unemployment, this is a statement of the obvious. But the poorest who constitute the bottom 10 per cent tend to be cut off from such benefits of growth, and must rely on an array of social security payments and subsidies. Even so, the Government has often claimed that the increased prosperity of the nation did not pass them by.

The impact on poverty of one such payment, housing benefit, is now shown to have been miscalculated by the official statisticians. In the years 1981-5 the living standards of the poorest 10 per cent had been thought to rise by nearly twice the average rate. In other words the trickle-down effect was particularly bene-

ficial to those on lowest incomes. The select committee hired the Institute of Fiscal Studies to check the sums, and found a substantial error in the earlier figures. In the same period when the trickle-down theory was thought to have been so successful, the living standards of the lowest 10 per cent rose by only half - not nearly twice - the average rate. That is bound to mean that for some, living those campaigning against poverty who are in fact wedded to greater equality for ideological

At a certain level of income below the average, a relatively declining standard of living translates as hardship, not a lack of the essentials needed to sustain life but a shortage of clothing, food and shelter to an extent which shames the rest of the community into remedial action. What degree of hardship is considered intolerable is the stuff of politics. not a question that can be left to statisticians.

Society judges that at some level - especially when manifest poverty is visible on the streets - the hardship calls for correction. Ministers must, at least, be more careful how they use the trickle-down argument in future. It also places additional strain on the Government's main response to poverty, the targeting of benefits.

effect would also help to take care of it is now seen, to say the least, to be not proven.

A CERTAIN IDEA OF FRANCE

The debate about Europe, and in particular the occasional barbed exchanges between Mrs Thatcher and M Jacques Delors, have portrayed the modern French as rabid federalists, careless of their heritage, caught up in a doctrinaire pursuit of supranational ideals which must surely erode their national identity. So where stands the legacy of Charles de Gaulle, the centenary of whose birth is

awareness of national interest - remain as sturdy growths across the Channel as ever they were, and a good thing too. Recent events in Central and Eastern Europe have given the General's views a new relevance. While some British Conservatives assert that the new order there owes much to an enthusiasm for the market economy, the French centre-right tends to see it more as a vindication of the General's vision of a Europe des patries stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals, the reassertion of a powerful and enduring sentiment that responds to a basic human need.

Marxists and the radical left have always found this difficult to accept. Nationalism, in their book, was necessarily ephemeral, and would wither away under the assault of reason and material progress. Once the old empires had fallen, the frustrations that stemmed from the denial of self-determination would be removed. This is not an analysis the Prince of Wales is likely to hear much of during his visit to Budapest this week, even in what used to be called the Karl Marx University. Nationalism is rampant throughout Eastern Europe, and is, ironically, hailed by the West as a liberating

force. unwary interiocutor ventured a comparison eral. "I always thought I was Joan of Arc and

He has not been best served by those who invoke him most frequently. In recent years, those who carry the Gaullist banner have seen some of their support seep away to the National Front, most recently over the issue of immigration. More orthodox Gaullists are clearly rattled. Their leader, Jacques Chirac, was reduced at the weekend to declaring that he would never make concessions to "people who had several times tried to assassinate the General". The sentiment is impeccable, but it

celebrated press conferences to review the world scene on the occasion of the centenary, he would no doubt still see the "Anglo-Saxons" in a faintly patronising light, although he might entertain kindlier feeling than he once did about the Atlantic Alliance. He would acknowledge that the ending of the division of Germany had brought to an end the equilibrium in Western Europe which he had sought to construct in the 1960s. He would be unlikely on that account to feel any more warmly towards supranational institutions, because he would continue to regard them as incompatible with French identity.

Mainly, however, he would insist on the importance of taking a long view. And he would certainly not resist the temptation to say "I told you so". At a press conference in 1968, he described the blighting of the Prague spring as a "temporary setback". It was, he said, too late for any ideology, including communism, nah aver national fapling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religious topics on the air

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, The problem of trying to reconcile the wish to prevent religious indoctrination on television with the wish to continue traditional religious broadcasting (report, April 30) is insoluble, precisely because traditional religious broadcasting in this country has involved religious indoctrination ever since it began more than 60 years ago, however hard the broadcasting authorities and the broadcasters themselves have attempted to disguise it.

The only solution is surely to give religion the same treatment as other controversial subjects such as politics and sex — along the lines of the existing Broadcasting Bill, and to prevent any religious body having too much of the argument. And, at the same time, what about allowing nonreligious and anti-religious bodies a fairer say in the argument?

Yours etc., NICOLAS WALTER, Rationalist Press Association, 88 Islington High Street, N1. May 1.

From the Director of the Unisication Church

Sir. David Mellor would do well to heed the voices of those calling for religious diversity and freedom of speech to be provided for in the new Broadcasting Bill,

His attempt to limit religious broadcasting to mainstream groups like the Church of England, whilst curtailing the opportunities of others such as the Unification Church, runs counter to the tradition of freedom of religious expression. Moreover, it ignores the fact that there is a profound spiritual thirst in the country which is not met by the mainstream churches. If others can meet that need, they should not be hindered. Who is to be the

supreme judge?
The argument that fundamental freedoms should be denied to many simply because of the unfortunate excesses of a few can be used to justify all restraints on freedom of expression. As a point of fact, the Unification Church in America has been broadcasting for years without seeking viewers' contributions.

It is also a fact that the accusations levelled against us bear marked similarity to those levelled against the early Christians, early Protestants and Wesleyans.

Yours faithfully, DAVID M. FRANKLIN, Director, Unification Church 43-44 Lancaster Gate, W2.

Common land From Mr David Green

Sir, Kate Ashbrook's hope (April 25) that the Open Spaces Society may encourage people to grant agricultural uses creating new commons will be counter-productive if the society continues to nourish the public misconception that common always means or should mean available to the public. Around 80 per cent of all common land is only common in the sense that one person owns it, while specific other people have (or had) specific rights to share a part of its produce in common grazing most generally.

Indeed many commons have been enclosed and lost, and many battles have been fought over reaistration under the 1965 Act. simply to make sure that land long and conveniently in common agricultural occupation should not be rendered useless for that purpose by subsequent legislation (for which the society is pressing) which throws common land open to the public without discrimination.

There is a clear distinction between those so-called commons (mostly urban and mostly with the characteristics of land registered as village green under the 1965 Act) which have an established public amenity use; and commons established for and in the course of agriculture which never had that use and never should do. The Open Spaces Society would do well to acknowledge this.

Yours faithfully, DAVID GREEN, Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

Poll tax rebates From Mr Nick Raynsford

Minister at question time as saying of the poll tax that the rebate scheme for chargepayers is "more generous than ever".

nity charge rebate scheme is substantially less generous than the rate rebate scheme which was first introduced by a Labour Government in the 1960s and maintained by subsequent governments of both parties until the early 1980s.

made a series of deep cuts in the rate rebate scheme, the effect of which has been carried forward into the community charge rebate scheme. These cuts have dramatically reduced rebate entitlement for millions of people.

Among the many cuts made by the Thatcher Government, three have had a particularly harsh impact: 1. The requirement that everyone,

even the poorest, must pay at least

20 per cent of the charge without

Putting estate agents' house in order

From Mr J. C. Sutton Sir, Richard Green (May I) asks in

what should estate agents be competent. The answer is, primarily, to give the right advice as to what price to ask; how the property should be marketed and described (accurately); to communicate with clients and applicants; and in applicant-property matching and progression of sales. Knowledge of the relevant law is a further requirement

These basic competences are required, in addition to honesty, if vendors' aspirations are to be realisad

Besides being prone to manipulation by the unscrupulous, un-regulated estate agent, the statistics Mr Green suggests agents should publish would be no reli-able measure of their effectiveness.

The average selling price as a percentage of asking price is no measure if the client does not accept the agent's advice as to the asking price. Moreover, "gaz-undering" is outside the agent's control.

The average length of time tween instruction and a successful sale being agreed will depend again on the realism of the asking price and sellers, some of whom want to sell only at certain prices. And the average would be affected by the composition of the agent's nstructions.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and other professional bodies have been working with leading firms on a committee established by the Training Agency to define standards of competence and related performance criteria for residential agency, with the intention of achieving their recognition by the

From Mr Geoffrey A. Segal

possession cases (report, May 2).

with the present county court procedure probably the biggest more delay unless the Government is prepared to put more resources, particularly skilled manpower, into the over-burdened county courts, especially those in the Greater London area and other major cities.

Tunnel finances

Sir. Bernard Levin informed us on your editorial feature page of April 30 that he has "built (his) illustrious career almost entirely on a foundation of hyperbole". He asked leave to continue, parily on the subject of the Channel tunnel. Granted, Mr Levin, it can be amusing. But on February 19 he got his arithmetic wildly wrong,

any more money"; and that Eurotunnel "proudly announces that its coffers are quite sufficiently full for the job in hand"; and that Eurotunnel in April was

Ideal reading

Sir, In deploring the presence of magazines rather than the New Testament in the waiting room of his local crematorium Canon Richards (May 1) seems to be under the impression that local crematoria are provided for Christians exclusively.

are there for all of us, including Anglo-Saxon pagans like me. I would prefer the magazines,

Sir, You report (May 2) the Prime This is not true. The commu-

However, from 1983 onwards, Mrs Thatcher's Government

The Prime Minister may not

Yours faithfully. NICK RAYNSFORD. London House, 271-273 King Street, W6. National Council for Vocational Qualifications. All steps taken in this direction are for the purpose

Committee), The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, SW1.

From the Chief Executive of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers

Sir, Richard Green's letter questions the need for competence in estate agency, preferring instead to put his faith in past performance. Competence has a direct impact

on behaviour in that training and knowledge of relevant law and practice affecting estate agency make it less likely that individuals will err out of ignorance. The importance of introducing minimum standards of competence in estate agency has already been recognised by an independent study team appointed by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry considering professional liability, which concluded that minimum standards of competence should be determined by the implementation of section 22 of the Estate Agents Act 1979.

Chief Executive, Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers. 3 Cadogan Gate, SW1. May 2

Repossession cases

Sir, As a solicitor who acts for a number of mortgagees, I believe that Lady Wilcox, Chairman of the National Consumer Council, is wholly wrong when she requests a "hearts and minds" reform of county court procedure for re-

Whilst there are some problems source of complaints from clients, solicitors and all others dealing with the courts is delay. Lady Wilcox's proposal can only lead to

In my experience, a defendant who comes to court on a pos-

From the Chief Executive of

not just exaggerated. And on April 30 he crossed the frontier between hyperbole and falsehood. It was a lie to say that Eurotunnel represented in February, 1990 we would not need

from the tunnel. Yours faithfully, ALASTAIR MORTON,

From Major O. Crocombe

My understanding is that they

Castle House Enmore, Bridgwater, Somerset. May 1.

rebate. Prior to 1988 the poorest households could receive 100 per

cent rebates. 2. The savings rule which assumes an unrealistically high level of interest from savings (£1 per week for every £250 of savings over £3,000 — far more than most people are getting). Prior to 1988,

from those with incomes above the poverty line. The current withdrawal rate of 15p in the £ on net income (roughly equivalent to 10p in the £ on gross) is significantly less generous than the 6p in the £ withdrawal rate prior to

fully understand the admittedly complex technicalities of the rebase scheme and its predecessors; but she should ensure that she is better advised before making rash and misleading claims about its supposed generosity. For a start, she might perhaps consult her Chancellor who, as a junior social security minister, was party to framing the deep cuts in the rebate

of protecting the interests of members of the public, buyer, and

sellora aliko. Yours faithfully, J. C. SUTTON (Chairman, Residential Estate Agency

Yours faithfully, HAMLYN WHITTY,

session hearing will always receive

a sympathetic hearing from the registrar, and if there is any prospect of arrears being cleared the defendant will be allowed the time to sort out his financial The 90-second hearings Lady

Wilcox refers to almost always take place where the defendant adopts a head-in-the-sand approach and doesn't bother to attend court at all, despite approaches by the mortgagees and their solicitors seeking proposals at all stages of proceedings.

The suggestion that the court procedures should be changed to devote more time to that sort of case would merely lead to more justice delays.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY A. SEGAL, Lehrer Segal (Solicitors), 125/129 High Street, Edgware, Middlesex. May 3.

asking for two billion pounds more than in February; and that Eurotunnel has ever suggested the Kent rail link is "essential" if the tunnel is "to be finished on time".

Mr Levin should be reminded that Eurotunnel is not seeking, nor has it sought at any time since construction began, a penny from the State for the fixed-link project for which we are responsible; and that the Government is bound by treaty, ratified by Parliament, to honour a concession in which it undertook "to carry out the infrastructure necessary for a satisfactory flow of traffic" to and

Chief Executive, Eurotunnel, The Channel Tunnel Group Ltd 11 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1. May 4.

War horses

From Mr Narindar Saroop Sir, The equestrian statue of Lord Napier of Magdala, at the top end of Queen's Gate in London, sadly does not record some little-known

facts about his horse. Some years ago, as we drove past it, the late Sir Khizar Hyat Tiwana, the last premier of the undivided Punjab (his family provided the only hereditary royal heralds appointed in the Indian sub-continent and his grandfather proclaimed Queen Victoria Empress of India) told me that the horse was presented to Lord Napier by the same grandfather when an expedition of Indian Army forces sailed from Bombay in 1868 to subdue Emperor Theo-

dore in East Africa. Lord Napier was mounted on the horse throughout the campaign. Back in India, the animal, by then called Magdala, was returned to the Tiwana family. Sir Khizar recalled his father telling him of one of the family's Sikh gamekeepers riding Magdala, shouting "I am riding the horse on which Lord Napier conquered Africa".

Yours faithfully NARINDAR SAROOP. The Cavairy and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, W1.

Bosses at rest From Sir Bryan Askew

Sir, The ideal solution to the holiday problem for the busy executive ("Breaking point and the boss", May 2) is to take a two. three or four-night break, preferably at short notice, every six to eight weeks.

Not only is this system very relaxing, it is also cost effective as the hotel industry offers excellent bargains.

Yours faithfully. BRYAN ASKEW, 27 Golf Links Avenue, Tadcaster. North Yorkshire. May 4.

British role in East Europe

From Mr Roger Fox Sir, In spite of the drawbacks and disappointments mentioned by your Warsaw correspondent (re-port, May 1) I believe that the "Know-How" Fund can still be of

considerable assistance in Poland. Last November in Gdansk, I attended a conference for academics and businessmen and women (the latter from both the State and private sectors) on the implica-tions of 1992 for the EC and Poland. It was obvious to me from this conference that Poland's economic future rests with the younger generation of entrepreneurs who are already making a substantial contribution in the private sector. It was an encouraging experience to encounter their energy and thirst for information on a

whole range of business activities. Unfortunately one gets the impression that the Know-How Fund is too broad in its approach. It is not geared towards those most needing assistance in the private sector, who are spread throughout Poland, and cannot easily spare

the time to come to Britain. What is needed is training for those who can undertake it in Poland and, more importantly, by UK nationals who are prepared to make the effort to go there.

Yours faithfully, ROGER FOX, Thames Polytechnic, Weilington Street, Woolwich, SE18. May 2.

From the Editor of the Bulletin of,

Medical Ethica Sir, At an international conference on human rights in medicine, held, recently in Krakov, the question-'Where are the British?" (report,, May 1) was constantly asked While some questioners referred to the conference itself - 120 French participants, six British - most referred to the absence of

effort to improve language teaching. For 40 years, Eastern Europe has had to learn Russian as its second language. Teachers of, other languages were not usually-allowed to travel abroad until last. year. In science and medicine as well as commerce people are. crying out for opportunities to

learn English. Yet, while French, German and Italian radio amd television stations are already established in Eastern Europe, those wishing to listen to English have only the BBC World Service, with poor reception and the need for short-

wave receivers.

Even some of the fe ments being made with Eastern. Europe may suffer as a result. Sixscholarships have been offered to. doctors at Charles University in Prague for postgraduate medical. study in London. But no language teaching has been included in the offer, and the Czechs are uncertain whether they have enough doctors with adequate English to take up

Poles, Czechs and Hungarians have told me of their urgent need for improved English teaching at high school and university level. This surely could be arranged quickly through universities and the British Council, with Government support.

the offer.

May 1.

Yours faithfully, R. H. NICHOLSON, Editor, Bulletin of Medical Ethics, 13-14 Great Sutton Street, ECI.

Nelsonian sundial

From Mr Quin Hollick Sir, Commander Binney's general idea (April 19) on turning Trafalgar Square into a commemorative sundial is perfectly feasible, leav-

ing the monument as it stands. The appropriate shadow would be cast by the top of Nelson's hat. His hat would form the tip of an otherwise imaginary gnomon which would be at about 50° (Mr Davidson's letter, April 25), the bottom of which would be at a point about 120 feet (depending on the exact height of the top of his hat) south of his column. This would be where the hour-lines

would converge. During the summer months, Nelson's hat would happily cast the correct shadow on to the hourlines within Trafelgar Square; but for most of the winter months, due to the size of the square and the surrounding buildings, it would

not work. Yours faithfully, QUIN HOLLICK, Brock's Close, Swayne's Lane, Comberton, Cambridge.

From Mr Peter Mottlev Sir, If a horizontal sundial needs its gnomon to be at an angle (W. Davidson, April 25), perhaps Commander Binney (April 19) should re-think his Nelson's Column idea and re-present it to the town council of Pisa?

Yours faithfully, PETER MOTTLEY, 9 Aston Close, Berkshire.

Royal Pompidou From Mrs Stanley Alexander

Sir. With all the scaffolding, piping and ladders on the facade of Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, are we aiming at a Pompidou Centre in Paris lookalike for our Royal Academy?

Yours faithfully, MINDA ALEXANDER. 19 Templemere. Weybridge, Surrey. May 2.

celebrated this week? The fact is that national awareness - and the

De Gaulle had an attractively sardonic way with those who tried to categorize him. One

standards fell drastically. The Government has so far been able to retort that any society in which incomes are widely spread must include those below the average who cannot afford what the average can afford. The only way to avoid this would be to distribute wealth and income entirely equally. Thus it is merely a result of the laws of arithmetic, not evidence of social injustice or political callousness, that the poor are always with us". The inevitabiltive poverty is an effective answer to

The changes introduced in 1988 were designed to improve targeting, and the downwards revision of the figures for 1981-85 shows how necessary that improvement was. But as long as the streets of London are lined with dossers, a rising number of young people reporting to homelessness centres and mental patients being decamped unaided into the community, targeting will have to bear an ever rising burden of social responsibility. The Government's claim that the trickle-down

Bonaparte. How little one knows oneself". His profound knowledge of himself and of his fellow-countrymen, however, is something that his political heirs have not found it easy to match.

has its limitations as a political programme. If the General were to hold one of his

> Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (071) 782 5046.

Yours faithfully, OLIVER CROCOMBE,

people were assessed on their actual income from savings. 3. The faster withdrawal of benefit

scheme which took effect in 1988.



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KENSINGTON PALACE

MAY 7: The Princess of Wales departed from Heathrow Airport, London this morning at the start of a tour of the Republic of Hungary with The Prince of Wales.

The following were present and took leave of Her Royal Highness: Mr Gabor Brodi (Counsellor, Embassy of The Republic of Hungary), Sir Donald Logan (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Air Commodore John Langer (representing Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater London), and Mr Robin Baxendale (Manager, Special Facilities, Heathrow Airport Ltd).

Sir John Riddell Bt, Mrs Major Ni James Lonsdale, Mr Peter attendance.

Ian Jenkins RN are in attendance. The Duke of Gloucester

Westmacott, Mr Guy Salter,

Lieutenant-Commander Pat-rick Jephson RN, Mr Richard

Arbiter and Surgeon-Captain

Subsequently, His Royal Highness will carry out engagements in Washington as Patron of the American

The Duke of Gloucester was received by the Lord Prior of the Order of St John (the Lord

Grey of Naunton). Major Nicholas Barne is in

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, will attend a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.45. He will present the 1990 Templeton Prize at Bucking-ham Palace at 3.30; and, as president and honorary life fellow, will open the vaults and conference centre at the House of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Aria, Manufactures and Commerce at 6.30, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Air Chief Com-mandant of the WRAF, will attend an Air Force Board reception at the RAF Club at 6.00 to mark her promotion to Air Chief Marshal.

Leonard Cheshire Foundation

The former Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces, Northern Europe, General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, KBE MC, has been appointed Chairman of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation General Howlett took up his nost on Monday, May 7, in post on Monday, May 7, in succession to Mr Peter Rowley, MC, who had served as Chairman since 1982. Mr Rowley will Foundation and will chair the international Region covering Cheshire Homes in Europe.

Birthdays today

Sir David Attenborough, naturalist, 64; Sir James Blyth, chief executive, Boots Company, 50; Mr Jack Charlton, football manager, 55; Professor Maurice Cranston, political scientist, 70; Sir Ian Denholm, 63; the Vis-count of Falkland, 55; Miss Heather Harper, soprano, 60; Professor Friedrich Hayek, CH, economist, 91; Mr Justice Hoffman, 56; Sir Charles Illing-worth, former Surgeon to The

Lord Jauncey of Tullichertle, 65; Sir Brian Kellett, chairman. Port of London Authority, 68 Mr Norman Lamont, MP, 48 the Right Rev Graham Leonard. Bishop of London, 69; Miss Felicity Lott, soprano, 43; Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, 76; Mr Alastair Service, former general secretary, Family Planning Association, 57; Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmons, 53; Mr John Snagge, broadcaster, 86; Mr Nicholas Vigors, racehorse trai-ner, 43; Mr Justice Waterhouse,

dor, Rio Gallegos, Argentina, to Jeanifer Kirsten, daughter of Thomas Leighs, CBE, and Penelope Leighs, of Christ-church, New Zealand.

Mr M.A. Lynch and Miss A.M. Tocslins The marriage took place on Saturday, May 5, at St Peter and St Paul's, Ringwood, Hampshire, between Mr Matthew Lynch, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Lynch, of Canterbury Kent, and Miss Alison Tomlin

Mr A.J. Parker

tween Mr Andrew Parker, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Parker, and Miss Joyce Brittain, daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs R.D.

BIRTHS: Edward Gibbon, historian, London, 1737; Jean Henri Dunant, founder of the International Red Cross, Geneva, 1828; Noel Sidgwick, chemist, Oxford, 1873; Harry S Truman, 33rd president of the USA 1945-53, Lamar, Missouri, 1884

DEATHS: Antoine Lavoisies chemist, executed, Paris, 1794; J; Pau founder of the London store London, 1947; Emmanuel Shin well, Baron Shinwell, statesman

archy, 1660. VE (Victory in Europe) Day, 1945.

Forthcoming marriages Major and Mrs Peter Fletcher, of Runcton, Chichester, W

Mr S.M. POUR

and Miss A.E. Doubleday

irnemouth, Dorset, and Mrs

E. Pavne, of Epsom, Surrey, and

of Keston Park, Farmborough,

The engagement is announced between Paolo, son of Mrs Ada Restains and the late Mr Anto-

nio Restaino, of Torino, Italy, and Maricel, daughter of Mr

Mark Penney and the late Mrs

The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Roe, of

Elsdon, Northumberland, and

Caroline, elder daughter of Mr John and Lady Sylvia Malthy, of

on, and Susan, elder daughter

The engagement is announced between Marcus West, of The Cedars, Louth, Lincolnshire, and Christine Stewart, widow of

Jo Stewart, of Martinholme Farm, Chrishall, Royston, Hertfordshire.

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Professor

and Mrs A.F. Winder, of Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs

G.H. Taylor, of Halifax, West

Stratfield Turgis, Hampshire.

and Miss M.C. Penney

Upon-Thames, Surrey.

and Miss C.J. Maltby

Mr J.C. Trevaldwyn and Miss S.R. Kirby

Oxford.

Mr R.F.M. West

Mr C.P. Winder

and Miss A.J. Taylor

and Mrs G.C. Stewart

Mr A.F.J. Roe

Mr P.E. Cabill and Miss M.A. King The engagement is announced

between Peter, elder son of Mi Mr N.P. Pavey and Mrs Liam Cahill, of Howth and Miss K.P. Makings Dublin, and Maria, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mrs King, of Luppitt, Devon. M. Pavey and Mr F.R. Pavey, of Mr A.M. Campbell Hadiow, Kent, and Katrina and Miss R.L. Stegen elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Makings, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, The engagement is announced

between Andrew, only son of Mrs M.V. Campbell, of Cleeve, nr Bristol, and the late Dr A.M.G. Campbell, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr A.H. Stegen, of Taupo, New Zealand, and Mrs R.A. Stegen, of Auck-

The engagement is announced between Simon Martyn, youn-gest son of Mr R. Potts, of land. New Zealand. Mr A.C.K. Davis Alison Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mrs G. Anderson and the late Mr M. Doubleday. and Miss A.F.M. Coverdale The engagement is announced between Andrew Christophe Kennedy, son of Mr and Mrs Mr P.A. Restain

Barry Davis, of West Byfleet Surrey, and Anna Frances Mary. daughter of Mr and Mrs John Coverdale, of Bevere,

Mr S.R. Flanagan and Miss M.T. Hallett The engagement is announced between Steven, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.H. Flanagan, of Burton, Christchurch, Dorset,

and Tamsin, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. St J. Hallet, of l Wellington Place, Captains Row, Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr A.A. Gill and Miss A.A. Radd The engagement is announced between Adrian Anthony, son of Mr Michael Gill, of London and Ms Yvonne Gilan, of London, and Amber Augusta.

The engagement is announced between Julian Cresswell, only son of Captain and Mrs O.C. Trevaldwyn, of Great Deptford House, High Bickington, Dedaughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Rudd, of 15 Kensington Sc. London, W8. Mr C. Hartley and Miss J. Kelly The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of the late Dr D.R.S. Kirby and of Mrs J.P. Ferguson, and step-daughter of Mr J.S. Ferguson, of Biackthorn Lodge, Boars Hill,

of Mrs C.M. Hartley, of Coine, Lancashire, and Mrs J.A. Lancashire, and Mrs J.A. Harrley of Blacko, Lancashire, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Kelly. of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, Mr. N.I.W. Matson

and Miss V.J. Crawford The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Matson, of Co Cork, Eire, and Victoria, daughter of Mrs Crawford and the late

Major Crawford, of Somersel. Mr J. Nicholas and Miss J.L. Fletcher

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Norman Nicholas, of Ringwood, Hants, and Julia

Louise, younger daughter of

Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this morning left Heathrow Airport to carry out engagements in Canada.

Friends of English Heritage, and in New York as Patron of the Victorian Society. Upon arrival at the Airport,

Marriages

Mr M.L. Blake and Miss J.K. Leighs The marriage took place on Saturday, April 14, in Christ-church, New Zealand, of Mich-ael Locke, eldest son of John Locke Blake, OBE, and Monica Beaven Blake, of Estancia Con-

son, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Tomlinson, of

Ringwood, Hampshire. and Miss J.A. Brittain

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 28, at St Law-rence's Church, Stanmore, be-

A reception was held at The Mansion House, Grim's Dyke, Harrow. The couple are honeymooning in the USA.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Gibbon, his-

Youthquake of the Swinging Sixties, died aged 57 on May 4. He had been ill for some John Stuart Mill, philosopher, time. He was born in June Avignon, 1873; Gustave Flau-bert, novelist, Croisset, France, Marquesas Islands, 1903; Ead-weard Muybridge, photographer and pioneer of the study of animal locomotion, Kingston-upon-Thames, 1904; Oswald Spengler, philosopher, Munich, 1934; Harry Combon, Manich, TALL, witty and seemingly effortlessly elegant, Alexander Plunket Greene and the designer Mary Quant succeeded in breaking through the barriers of class and age that had 1936; Harry Gordon Selfridge held back fashion in the Fifties and established style, authority and leadership in the

hands of the young. Restoration of the British mon-He was the son of Richard

Plunket Greene and Elizabeth Russell, and went to Bryanston School. Sir Terence Conran, a friend from the age of six, when they

Armourers and

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Peter Mason

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Brasiers' Company

The following have been elected

officers of the Armourers and

Brasiers' Company for the ensu-

Master, Mr John H. Hale;

Upper Warden, Mr Roy M. Moody, Renter Warden, Mr H.

Builders Merchants'

The following have been elected

officers of the Builders Mer-chants' Company for the ensu-

Master, Mr C.R. Carr, Senior

Warden, Mr E.B. Carter, Junior

Warden, Mr H.A. Terry.



for the social changes in this country in the 1960s. He wet the mould for others to use."

Alexander Plunket Greene and Mary Quant met when they were both students at Goldsmiths' College of Art in London. In 1955, with an were both at prep school, has described Alexander Plunket inheritance of £5,000 from his elders. A second shop opened aged 19. Greene as being "responsible

Foundation for Science and

The Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran QC, Chairman of the Founda-

tion for Science and Technology, was in the chair at a Lecture

and Dinner Discussion of the Foundation at the University of

Professor Sir Graham Hills, Mr Bruce S. Reed and Dr Robert Whelan spoke on "The

Exploitation of Science and

Technology".

The sponsors were the Scottish Development Agency, British Gas pkc, British Telecommunications plc, IBM Uni-

ted Kingdom Trust and Science

Strathclyde on May 1, 1990.

Dinner

called Bazsar in the King's Road, on the corner of Mark-Quant were married in 1957. She, initially, was the buyer,

choosing clothes for the shop dich were created by others. She was soon encouraged by her husband to market her own trend-setting ideas. Whether Quant actually invented the miniskirt has always been a point of hot discussion in fashion circles, but she, with her husband, was certainly responsible for turning the King's Road into the fashion pageant that it remains three decades on.

Bazaar became the first shop to cater exclusively for the young, for the new generation with money to spend who did not want to ape the sophisticated style of their

International Students House

25th Ampiversary celebrations

The Duke of Grafton, KG.

President, presided over a Gala 25th Birthday Party on May 4,

1990, to celebrate the opening of ISH by HM The Queen Mother,

Patron ISH, on May 4, 1965

Among those present were:

Gala

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der's, in the basement of the Road, on the corner of Mark-ham Square. He and Mary 1963 he expanded into the and launched her with considmarket. A sociable, witty man, he was always the inspiration and spokesman for his more

> During the 1970s he expanded the Quant licences to include bed linen, carpets, place in the lucrative Japanese market. At one time he even marketed French wines under the Quant label. A keen jazz musician he was an accom-

Mr John Whitworth, Mr Geoffrey Simms, and Mr Tom Hall to be members of the Transport Mr Christopher W.K. Saunders has been reappointed as a part-

time member of the board of the

Memorial

service

Guy Willett

(Chairman of the Trusices). Miss Footmand Herward-Simar (President) of the Aluman) and Mr Richard Slackford, for Joe Fleet (Chair of Stackford, for Joe Fleet (Chair of Stackford, Mr Graham Bales (Girec-tor), the Hon Patrick Wills (Trusice) and Mrs Wills, HE St. Roy Marshall, Bartadon High Commissioner (Gov-stoor) and Lady Marshall, Mr Robert Walton (Honorary Fellow) and Mrs Walton, Gavernors, massivers and conf... A memorial service for Guy Willett will be held in the

Appointments

Civil Aviation Authority.

Temple Church, Inner Temple, on Friday, June 15, at 5pm.

ASHLEY LAWRENCE

Ashley Lawrence, internationally renowned as a ballet conductor and widely popular for his work with the BBC, died early yesterday in Tokyo, aged 55. He had undergone emergency heart surgery when taken ill while on tour with the Stuttgart Ballet. He was born in Hamilton, New Zealand, on June 5, 1934.

ASHLEY Lawrence was a remarkable phenomenon among musicians. He was never a star conductor but was always in demand because of his deserved reputation as one of the finest practitioners of a neglected and under-rated branch of his profession, that of conducting for ballet. He was liked and admired equally by audiences, dancers and orchestral players, whose views on the subject of conductors do not always coincide.

ers, but stopped short of blaming individuals. Its terms He had studied both maths and music before coming to of reference had been limited London to enter the Royal to a consideration of why College of Music, and said social workers had not dethat he might well have gone tected abuses earlier than they back to maths if he had not had, and was not able to made a satisfying career as a address the role of the RUC conductor. The course of that career was shaped by chance. While still studying, he was Paul Foot was among those who criticized the inquiry, in offered a part-time job playing his book Who Framed Colin the piano for ballet classes, Wallace? Hughes contacted and found he liked it. him and in several conversa-

That led to his being intions calmly pointed out vited, in 1962, to join the where the author had mis-Royal Ballet as a conductor, understood. Foot amended initially with the touring comhis text in subsequent editions pany. The close relationship between dancers and muand paid tribute to Hughes's sicians on the road helped him quickly to build up an understanding of their needs. When Kenneth MacMillan

was appointed ballet director of the Deutsche Oper, Berlin, he invited Lawrence there as his music director. In Berlin, Lawrence's activities were recognized by the management and he was invited to conduct opera, too, but he refused on the grounds that it would appear that he regarded ballet as less important and was his last months, happily and anxious to escape from it.

Througout his life Lawrence struggled to improve the relationships between ballet companies and their orchestras and to raise the standing of ballet conductors, in professional and public esteem; a task in which he might reasonably have hoped for more help from managements.

Lawrence continued his Berlin appointment until 1972, becoming music director, also, to the Stuttgart Ballet for the 1970-72 seasons, Also in 1971 he was appointed principal conductor of the

BBC Concert Orchestra, a post he held with much relish until 1989, conveying to wide audiences his enthusiasm for good light music, which he conducted with the same care as more solemn scores.

In 1972 Lawrence returned to Covent Garden as conductor, becoming music director of the Royal Ballet from 1973 to 1987. However, he was increasingly in demand as a guest conductor with several leading ballet companies, including for some years, the Ballet de l'Opera in Paris.

Lawrence's musicianship was never flamboyant. He had a habit of taking the podium half at a run, as if eager to cut down the preliminaries and get on with the job. He took scrupulous care over the unseen, unglamorous aspects of his work for ballet, such as shaving bars from Tchaikovsky symphonies to make them fit a choreographer's requirements, or attending the planning meetings at Covent Garden to sort out the alloca-



tion of players between opera and ballet companies. 8

What he will be remembered for, however, is chiefly his quiet, smiling authority on the conductor's stand, which led to performances where the music played its full part as one of the components in an audience's total enjoyment of a ballet, whether it might be a great score by Tchaikovsky or Stravinsky, or the comparatively minor effort of a littleknown or even mediocre composer.

In private life Lawrence combined a convivial manner with a degree of reticence about himself. He enjoyed food and drink, was full of interesting and amusing stories and was liked by all who knew him although few could claim to know him well. He never married.

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RAB BRUCE LOCKHART

Rab Bruce Lockhart, Head- master of Sedbergh) and one master of Loretto School, Musselburgh, Edinburgh, 1960-1976, died aged 73 on May 1. He was born on December 1, 1916.

BEFORE be came to Loretto, Rab Bruce Lockhart had been an assistant master at Harrow, a housemaster in Appleby College, Ontario, and Headmaster of Wanganui in New

Educated at the Edinburgh Academy and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, he came schools from a distinguished family of places. schoolmasters and games players. Like his father (Head-

Scotland, gaining his first cap for Scotland at the age of 19. He joined the Royal Artiliery soon after war broke out. and served with 8th Army in the Western Desert.

of his brothers (Headmaster of

Gresham's) he played fly half

both for Cambridge and for

He was a dedicated school-

master in the best old fashioned tradition. He believed in discipline, that the chapel services were central to a good public school, and that public schools should be happy He leaves his widow, Pris-

cilia, and two children.

University news

T JOHN'S COLLEGE Elections from Trinity Term

chony. Modern Languages: C S Heppleston, Modern Languages: C S Heppleston, Modern Languages: F E Lightfoot, Literae Humaniores: F E Hichards, Therkow WOLFSON COLLEGE

Lord Bonham-Carter. MA: Sir Arnold Burgen. FRS.
To Research Fellowships (from Oct 90): Dianne Claire Berry: David Nicholas Geliner: Patricia Anne Nutrati: Sweetjay Them.
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Recent grants include:

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Islands 22.9.90.
COLONEL: S J Pack - MOD 26.11.90. Districts - HQ Can Forces 14.7.90. MAJOR: P A Whittakor - Dept of CORM. 17.9.90: R J Bruce OBE - Placed on Retired list. 1.12.90. T A PRIPORT - Cdo Log Regt RM. 17.9.20. Q Core. HAM. 12.0.90. T Cdo Log Regt RM. 17.1.90. J Q Dover HAM. 17.1.90. J Q Dover HAM. 17.1.90. J Q Core. Creenwich 26.11.90. D M Constance - Placed on Institute list 4.2.91. The Army
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GROUP CAPTAIN: M J F Shaw - To MOD AFD: R J Cowring - To RAF Scampson: R J Howard - To CAF Boscombe Down: T J Beney - To BOS Wastenedon.

Royal Navy COMMANDER: J A Bartlett - Nep-tune 25.11.90; C H Buckle - MOD London 21.8.90; J P Bullard - Staff of CONCNAVHOME 1.4.90; J N Hart -MOD London 30.10.90; A C Jenses Royal Arthur in Cmd 1.12.90; R W Lockyer - MOD London 31.8.90; D Newberry - Staff of FO Portsmouth 14.5.90.

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AIR COMMODORE: G J D Maynard -

Mars holds key to life on Earth THE best place to look for the similar, and if chemical evolution occurred on Earth, then

one might expect that chemi-

cal evolution and possibly the

origin of life occurred on Mars

as well during the same

At first sight, this seems to

sandwich when the only avail-

and a slice of ham. However.

There is increasing evidence

that the evolution of life

researchers' conclusions.

earliest episodes in the history of life may not be the Earth, but Mars, according to a new report

Earth and Mars may have had very similar atmospheres and surface conditions 3,500 million years ago, when life originated: the first chemical steps of evolution could have occurred simultaneously on both planets. Geological activity, the weather and the subsequent evolution of life have since obliterated all traces of this epoch on Earth. Mars. however, has been a dead planet for a very long time and vestiges of very ancient organic material could still be preserved beneath the Martian surface.

and early Earth were indeed running water.

seemed to follow almost inevitably from the formation of the Earth, and would have been in full swing 3,500 years ago. It also now seems likely Anastassia Kanavarioti of that Mars and Earth had similar atmospheres at that the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Rocco L time and, crucially, sufficiently high surface tem-Mancinelli of the NASA/peratures and pressures to Ames Research Centre in Moffett Field, California, said maintain liquid water. Certainly, many geological feain the latest issue of the space tures on the surface of Mars science journal Icarus (vol 84, pp 196-202): "If early Mars are suggestive of the action of

Weaving these two strands of evidence together, the prospect that there was once life on Mars seems more compelling than one might at first imagine. Once evolved, life on Earth

never looked back. Mars, on the other hand, has lost most be about as likely as the possibility of making a ham of its atmosphere, is very dry, ologically quiet and rather able material is a loaf of bread colder than an Antarctic winter. Any living things it once hosted would have become several independent lines of evidence converge on the Kanavarioti and Mancinelli

believe that traces of ancient Martian life might be found beneath the planet's surface as broken down products of amino-acids. These are essential components of proteins and, as such, are characteristic molecules of all living OFFERDISMS. There are indications that amino-acids can remain intact for hundreds of millions of

years on Earth, although they

are not compelling; in any

case, the conditions on Mars

today differ greatly from those

long it would take aminoacids to degrade chemically if buried beneath the Martian surface for 3.500 million Phenylalanine is a typical amino-acid found in proteins;

researchers worked out how

the scientists estimated that if a gram of Martian soil contained a millionth of a gram of phenylalanine 3,500 years ago. there would still be 16 thousand-millionths of a gram today. Although the biological experiments carried out on the

Viking missions to Mars in 1976 seemed to rule out life on the Martian surface, sensitive probes beneath the surface could yet detect amino-acids от some of their characteristic chemical derivatives. Such a discovery, the researchers say, would "give us insight into the origin and evolution of life in a universal and planetary context".

Henry Gee prevalent on Earth. So the ONature-The Times News Service, 1990

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HIS HONOUR WILLIAM HUGHES

His Honour William Henry Hughes, a former Circuit Judge, who in retirement chaired the 1984 Committee of Inquiry into Childrens' Homes and Hostels in Northen Ireland, generally known as the Kincora Boy's Hostel inquiry, died peacefully at home of cancer aged 75 on May 5. He was born on January 6, 1915.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM Hughes had such an air of geniality about him that one broke into a grin merely at his approach - tall, slightly stooped, with a ready greeting and a mischievous eye which told you he generally meant more than he said and challenged you to unlock his words. But this was only suggested, and that very gently, for Billy had no intellectual vanity, nor would he ever use his intelligence as a weapon. If he saw anyone embarrassed by conversa-tional awkwardness, he visibly flinched in sympathy, for he did not like to witness social distress, and was never the

He learned his manners at home. Having lost his father when he was four, he was educated privately and ex-cellently. He also learned to read widely and haphazardly, enjoying books for their own sake and not for their usefulness, and built up a biblio-philic memory of startling range. There was no doubt that he had at some time or other read every volume in his magnificient library in Wiltshire. It was a jealous man, who when told Billy was very literary, rejoined with, "Oh, you mean he drinks with

cause of it.

ournalists."

After Keble College he served in the Second World War as Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General with the British Expeditionary Force in France and Belgium, then in North Africa, and finally in Italy where he was mentioned in despatches and

Alexander Plunket Greene

who, with his wife Mary

Quant, was a founder of the style revolution known as the a Trustee of the club and was

became Chief of Staff in Rome. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre.

In 1949 he was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple and afterwards was Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions at, variously, the Isle of Ely, Essex, and London Sessions. From 1963 he was a Metropolitan Magistrate and, later, a member of the General Council of the Bar.

pany of political com-

As a Circuit Judge be was revered by counsel both for his intellectual ability and for his congenital predisposition to getting things over with quickly. A woman accused of criminal damage in letting down the tyre of a police coach In 1954 he was elected to the Garrick Club, at which point the "drinking with journalists" became one of the found her case dismissed by

was paipable.

cannot damage a tyre by chief tangential pleasures of deflating it. his life; he enjoyed the com-He was not so much lazy as mentators and relished good wine. He was eventually made

Judge Hughes, who gladly

accepted the point that one

its Guest of Honour at the

Annual Dinner in 1989, when

the tide of affection which

celebrated his companionship

verve, the scope and, above impatient of circuitous argu- all, the politeness which had ment. Time was, for him, too informed his every encounter. ALEXANDER PLUNKET GREENE

precious to be wasted, and had

he been a legislator he would doubtless have fought for

common sense to be elevated

above a mere virtue. It was

probably for this as well as for

his unassailable integrity that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland appointed him Chairman, in 1984, of the

inquiry into the Kincora Boys'

Hostel sexual abuse scandal

which he conducted with

His committee's report

completed early in 1986,

pointed to failures of commu-

nication between social work-

and the intelligence services.

"reasoned and courteous"

Hughes was exceptionally

happily married to his wife,

Jenny, the daughter of Theo-

dore Turner, QC, who gave

him a daughter of his own and

brought with her three small

children who became part of

his family. Their discovery of

the dilapidated Wardour

House, near Tisbury, which

they restored to glory, was an

achievement much lauded in

the country. There he spent

honestly facing his fate.

Though his body weakened.

he spent his days in what he

enjoyed most, conversation,

retaining the savour, the

advice.

exemplary expedition.

grandmother and in partner- in Knightsbridge in 1961. ship with a friend Archie Alexander Plunket Greene McNair, he opened a boutique opened a restaurant. Alexanmass market with a new Mary Quant label, Ginger Group,

> reserved wife, whose name be established as a fashion legend. swimwear, hosiery, jewellery and sun glasses and secured a

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PARSONS - On May 2nd 1990. to Poosle and Paul, a son. Edmund Thomas David. PRALOTT - On April 27th, to RAPER - On April 26th at Queen Charlottes, London, to Noreen (née Burridge) and Philip, a son. Toby Alexander Jazzes, a brother for Joshua

DEATHS

BARTLETT - On April 26th 1990. at The Royal Free Hospital following a short illness. Eleanor Needman Job, wife of the late Vernon Bartleti C.B.E. and fondly remembered cousin of Betty. William, Jocelyn and Richenda. A funeral service will be held at Golders Green Partsh Church (St Albars). North End Road, London NW11, at 12:30 pm on Friday May 11th, followed by a private cremation. Floral tributes to G.F. Cook Ltd., 83 Haverstock Hill. London NW3.

CAMPBELL. On May 2 suddenly, Ann unee Casson) beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister. Funeral Wednesday May 9 at 12.50pm. St Dominic's, The Priory, Bouthampton Road, NWS,

GARSTAURS - On Saturday
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At ente. Newport-on-Tay.
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CASSON - see Campbell. CLIPILITY - On May Side Justoh Francis: peacefully in Bestill Hospital, Manher cook (Mr Jos) destry loves, and greatly missed by his wife ETV and bis Children and greatly missed by his wife ETLY and his children and grandchildren. Funeral on Thursday. May 10 at 10am at Mary Magdates Church, Bethul, footwel by burial at Bethul Commery.

Poter Hagh, helowed woman on of the Carl and County St Aldways, precedibly in the Aldwyne Church on Thursday May 10th all Spra-Carden or wild flowers only Dominion i comed in the Westmington Hospital, London SW1.

JOSEM - On April 28, as a result of a tragic accident in Switzerland. Paul Alexander. apad 38, of 81. Margaret's. Middlesett, and Chancy. Geneva. Private funeral has taken place. No flowers please. but donations if desired to St. Paul's School Appeni. Lonsdale Road, Barnes. SW13 9JT.

MALCOLM - On May 3. peacetully at honse in Stonington. Connecticul. Mims. after a long illness. Much loved widow of Victor and mother of Christopher. Memorals service to be hald at Poliziloch later.

MISTURIERIA - On Monday
April 30th 1990. Rev. Canons
Christopher. Husband of
Renee (decessed). Jaiher of
Ann. Christine and Mary.
Thanksgiving Mass 7.16 pm
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Mary's Church. South Ruistip, also on Friday May 11th
at 11 am. service followed by
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Richard Hugh, in a flying accident. Dearly loved son of Audrey and bushend of Pauline, much loved father of Richard and Etzabeth, and devoted grandfather of Merrik and Alexander. Funeral Service at Tisbury Parish Church on Tuesday May 15th at 15th at 15th and 15th at 15

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THUMAM - On Sunday, May 6, at home, E. Kenneth Truman, OSE, retired solicitor of Souldern, Oxford-shire, Husband of Dorothy Clarel, father of Sarah and Charles and grandfather of Louise and Harry, Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving on Friday, May 11. 3pm at St Mary's The Virgin, Souldern, Family flowers only but donations may be sent to L. Hartness Funeral Services. Wictoria Road, Sloester, to be divided equally between the restoration funds of St Mary's The Virgin, Souldern and St Mary's St Edium. Scatter. Andiss.

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ON THIS DAY

No arrests appear to have followed this outrage, a copy of the Saffrag-ette, the organ of the Women's Social and Political Union, was found tied and routical Union, was found tied to the bomb. The affair may have been designed to attract the atten-tion of the public, without cousing damage or endangering life.

A BOMB AT ST. PAUL'S

SUPPOSED SUFFRAGIST PLOT More outrages on the part of militant suffragists were reported yesterday, the most serious being an yesterday, the most serious being an attempt to damage the fabric of St. Paul's Cathedral by means of a bomb hidden near the Bishop's Throne. Fortunately, the attempt was discovered before any mischief had been

The bomb was found at about 8 o'clock yesterday morning by one of the Cathedral cleaners, who, when at work in the choir, noticed a ticking sound coming from the direction of the Bishop's Throne. The throne, which stands between the High Altar and the choir seats on the southern side of the building, is a beautiful example of the work of Grinling Gibbons, who also designed the choir stalls. When the cleaner opened the low door leading to the throne, which had not been used for some days, he found a neat brown-paper parcel about six inches square. He immediately informed the head verger and the parcel was placed in a bucket of water. The City Police were informed of the discovery, and later in the morning the package was removed to the Bridewell Police

Station for examination A striking reference to the narrow escape of St. Paul's from damage was made by the Bishop of London at the anniversary service of the Church Army, which was held in the Cathedral last night. Speaking with considerable emotion, the Bishop said:

"Before delivering my message for this evening's service, it seems to be that it would be a sheer want of gratitude if we did not first stand up and utter our thanks to Almighty God for taking care of His own Cathedral (loud cries of 'Amen'), against the machinations of some miscreant who tried to wreck it last night. And we say in our way, in the human way, that it was only an accident that the lever was turned by mistake to the right instead of the left, or the chancel would have been a wreck to-day; and, therefore, we know that those who set themselves

to do the Devil's work often cannot even do that right." (Laughter.) even do that right." (Laughter.)
Leaning over the pulpit towards the band, the Bishop said: "Band, strike up, Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." Without giving the band time to respond to the Bishop's call, the congregation sprang to their feet and sang the Doxology with great heartiness. The Bishop joined in the singing, and added at the close, "I am sure that God heard the grateful thanks of his children."

The fact that the clockwork apparatus was still ticking when the bomb was found is no doubt explained by the statement of the Bishop as to the mistake in turning the lever. The body of the Cathedral was open to the public until nearly 5 o'clock on Tuesday evening, but the choir is not open for visitors after half-past-3, and at that hour on Tuesday the gate of the South Ambulatory, the only way by which the public have access to the choir, was closed and locked. From that time until after the bomb was discovered, nobody, as far as is known, entered the choir except the Cathedral officials, the night watchman, and the workmen, who are always employed in one part of the building or another. It is probable, therefore, that the bomb was placed in position before half-past 3 on Tuesday afternoon: the cleaner is convinced that it was not there when he went his rounds early on Tuesday morning. The Bishop's Throne is one of the few places in the choir where the bomb could remain unnoticed for ereral hours.

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Mr Desmond Brooke-Hitching, of London W2, left estate valued at £1,356,536 net.

Mrs Elizabeth Caroline Clark, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, left estate valued at £2,018,679.

Mr Keith Stanley Coldman, of Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, for many years managing director of the Albion Group, left estate valued at £419,607 pet.

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Sir Paul Christopher Davie, of Bentley, Farnham, Surrey, a former legal adviser to the Home Office and Remembrances of the City of London, architect of the first Clean Air Act, and Chairman of the National Deaf Childrens Society 1970-74, left estate valued at £183,979 net.

Mr Ivo Matthew Leopold Dieskau Furde, of Cranleigh, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,620,730

Mr Alexander Carlton Greg, of. Acton Bridge, Northwich, Che-shire, left estate valued at

£1,255,565 net mostly to relatives.

Mr Robin Jared Stanley Howard, of London WC1, founder and

director general of Contemporary Dance Trust and responsible for

London Contemporary Dance Theatre, the London Contem-porary Dance School and the Place Theatre, left estate valued at

Mr Terence John Kenny, of Coventry, West Midlands, left estate valued at £1,284,593 net.

Mr Alexander William McKenzie, of Chislehurst, Kent, left estate valued at £356,197 ner. He left

£9,000 to personal legatees,

The Rev Canon Michael A Kitchener, Principal of the North East Ordination Course and an Honor-

ary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral; to be Canon Chancellor of Blackburn Cathedral, succeeding the Rev Canon Geoffrey A Williams, who is retning this

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Mr Robert William Archer, of Miss Theodora Mary Moorman, Rolleston on Dove, Staffordshire, MBE, of Chencester, Gloucs, one left estate valued at £2,089,917 of the leading British handweavers of the post-war period, left estate valued at £186,655 net. left estate valued at £186,655 net.

Alan Loader Maffey, 2nd Lord Rugby, of Frankton, Rugby, Warwickshire, the farmer and inventor of the Landing Distance Measurer, for calibration, and the Rugby Foldgate herd handler, and who challenged the opticians' monopoly on reading spectacles in the 1980s and promoted a Bill in the Lords to allow spectacles to be sold over the counter, left estate valued at £418,675 net.

Dame Enid Mary Russell-Smith, of Durham, Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Health (1956-63) and Principal of St Aidan's College, Durham University (1963-70) left estate valued at £486,489

Mr John Scapham, of Thorpe St Andrew, Norfolk, the first overall Controller of BBC Education, who helped create the Open University and served for many years on the Church of England Board of Education, left estate valued at £217,872 net. Lilian Nellie Spracklan, of London N6, left estate valued at £207,157 net. She left personal legacies totalling £4,100; £200! each to the PDSA and the RNLL; and the residue to University College Hospital, London

Mr Richard Suriyadasa, of Rowhedge, Colchester, Essex, left estate valued at £218,466 net. He stated "I place on record my deep stated "I place on record my deep appreciation to my adopted country. I thank her people for accepting me into their midst." He left £300 to Dr Brown (Mrs Ogilvy), of Rowhedge, "as a small token of my appreciation for the care and consideration she has shown me as a patient during the short period I have been under her treatment." He left other personal legacies totaling £2,900, £10,000 and his shares in British

Telecom, British Gas, Rolls-Royce and British to the Institu-tion of Civil Engineers, £10,000 each to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and British Heart Foundation, £8,000 to Oxfam, £5,000 to Trinity College, Kandy, Sri Lanka, £2,000 each to seven other organizations and the residue to the University of Essex, Wivenhoe. Mr Brian Dick Lander Thomas, of

Charminster, Bournemouth, Dorset, the stained-glass artist and mural painter, left estate valued at £314,359 net. Sir Arnold Charics Triader, of

Whitwell, Hertfordshire, former Lord Mayor of London, a member of the family shipping firm of Trinder Anderson, first chairman of LBC radio, left estate valued at £205,605 pct.

Mr Stephen Shipley Wilson, of London NW3, former Keeper of Public Records, left estate valued at £402,431 net; his wife Mrs Martha Mott Wilson, left estate valued at £188,297 net.

Other estates include (net before tax paid):

Mr Trevor Charles Corp. of Fair Oak, Hants £704,647. Mrs Lottie Durber, of Wolstan-.....£652,223. Dorothy Millicent Anna Farara, of London No.................. £968,800. of London N6 £968,800. Mr Dudley Haines Fielder, of Radlett, Herts £713,998. Mrs May Miriam Griffiths, of Rottingdean, East ..£508,534. Loughton, Essex Mr John Hugh Merison, of Barton Stacey, Herts _____ £788,904.

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Sex, psyche and salvation

ex has often defined Ian McEwan's characters, but recently it has become vital and positive. In The Child in Time (1987) and his new novel The Innocent, healthy sexual intimacy is the primary virtue, against which crime, betrayal and pettiness are measured; it is the reward of maturity, the consolation in de-

spair and a mirror of the psyche. In his early fiction, McEwan wrote about paedophiles, precocious orphans, exhibitionists and solipsists, about loveless sex in all its brutal, savourless variety. Snatched rather than given, sex for these characters was a desperate resort, a dirty mistake, a source of shame and disappointment. The short story "Homemade", for instance, is about incest between uncomprehending children, while "Pornography" is about a two-timing brute whose fantasies turn nasty. Here sex is the festering secret of the adolescent or the terror of the put-upon child, a

joyless and destructive urge. In "Psychopolis", Terence tells of his humiliation by a girl who forced him to pee in his pants in a restaurant, while in The Comfort of Strangers, Robert tells how his sisters humiliated him as a child by feeding him forbidden sweet things and then locking him in his father's study to excrete on the valuable rugs.

This is the stuff of cold sweats

and bad dreams, though such abuses do happen, and McEwan has always been able to describe just how. Imaginatively em-pathetic, he shows how easily titillation turns to sadomasochism and to murder, and brilliantly evokes the growth of erotic obsession. "The days came and passed. I saw her on this day and not that, and perhaps twice on another day, Imperceptibly seeing her and not seeing her became a factor in my life, and then before I knew it, it passed from factor to structure . . . I wished to possess her." When exactly do fleeting desires become dangerous, even

Lovers should build their lives around one another, and instinctively feel possessive; mastery, even bondage, may be an erotic spur. McEwan now exploits the

the pressures and rituals of positive as well as negative aspects of these ambiguous ideas. seduction . . . she was free, they were both free, to invent their own In early stories, he was worldlywitty: "I met her ... on my terms." By coupling, they create a fused identity which is theirs alone second day in Los Angeles. That together. Similarly, their dancing is a mutual learning and invensame evening we were lovers, and not so long after that, friends." But in The Innocent, he is tenderly and tion: "a pattern emerged, devised precisely interested in how strangers can reach one another. "He consciously by neither of them, the product not so much of what

knew from experience that unless he made a formidable effort, a they did but of who they were."
As McEwan's early books show, pattern was waiting to impose fust on its own can damage, but between lovers it can be the itself: a polite enquiry would elicit healing catalyst in this fusing of identities. In The Comfort of Strangers, Colin and Mary no longer feel a great passion, but a polite response and another question. Have you lived here long? Do you travel far to your work? Is it your afternoon off?" Escaping protective banalities is a they still find that their bodies can triumph for individuals, and overcome occasional selfishness: through sex the lovers make a They conducted their arguments world for themselves which exin silence, and reconciliations cludes whatever is harmful, autosuch as this were their moments of greatest intensity, for which they matic or insincere. When Maria discovers Leonard were deeply grateful."

Sexual intimacy affirms our is a virgin (the innocent abroad). she feels "suddenly absolved from value and values; it offers in-

dependence and immunity from the public realm. McEwan revels in this in *The Child in Time*, when a married couple reunite and wonder how anything so good can be permitted: "Not governments, or publicity firms or research departments, but biology, existence, matter itself had dreamed this up for its own pleasure and perpetuity, and this was exactly what you were meant to do, it wanted you to like it." This exaltation in "the essentials, love, sex, friendship, the shared life, whatever" may be the purpose of existence, and its power is the very opposite of the squalid thrills of the early stories.

Sex is especially symbolic in adversity. In the introduction to The Imitation Game, McEwan suggests that during the Second World War, women's "moral and emotional commitment was vital, for they were the living embodi-ment of what the men fought to

DENZIL MCNEELANCE

protect". And in the preface to A Move Abroad (where the genesis of The Innocent is sketched), he describes how in Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four sex is a fragile resistance: "all that Orwell had to pose against the mighty, stultify-ing regime of Oceania is a man and a woman making love in a wood". This symbolism is at work in The Child in Time, where the enemy is a corrupting, right-wing state, and in the new novel, which is set amid the intrigue of Berlin at the start of the Cold War. n The Innocent, Leonard matures when he acknowl-

edges as a serious emotion his love and his sexual feelings for Maria. Their love gives his world structure: their bed is rightly at the centre of their lives. But McEwan does not deny the intricacies of sexual identity (Maria has been married before) or the old destructive urges ("He could not believe she would not be aroused by it . . . She had to give him what was his.") The thwarting of desire is the more disturbing because it is a creative force. "He would never get her back. He had to get her back." Still ambivalent - affirmative or danger-ous? - the compulsion is like the contradiction at the end of Beckett's trilogy: "you must go on, I can't go on, I'll go on." This novel, like McEwan's first,

concerns the disposal of a corpse, the dead weight of which ruins the relationship. Just as Macbeth murders sleep, Leonard and Maria dismember their love affair. "What they were about to do now would block their way forever .. therefore what they were doing was wrong." The sexual urge, which affirms its own rightness,

can also make moral judgements. In these recent novels, sex is not an inadequate's guilty dream, but a reverie of self-discovery, a revelation. McEwan has turned his expertise with the grotesque to new purpose: by exploring the aspects of ourselves we see in deepest intimacy, he has shown what was missing from his early fiction, and given his characters something tremendous to lose.

• lan McEwan's The Innocent is published on Thursday by Jonathan Cape (£12.95)

Artists offer a lead

Andrew Gibbon Williams welcomes the first fruits of a new artistic independence which

has been unilaterally declared in Latvia

Had the Polithuro required more solid evidence that Latvia was about to declare independence, it need have looked no further than a con-ference held in Riga a fortnight ago. The International Art Exhibition Organizers, Art Museum Directors, and Art Dealers conference was set up with ominous haste by the Latvian ministry of culture, with the dual purpose of asserting the country's independent artistic identity and forging autonomous links with the foreign art world. The majority of the delegates were from the newly liberated Eastern European republics, although Scandinavia, France and Germany were also represented Earlier planning would no doubt have led to a greater Western presence. Pointedly, no Russians were invited and no Russian was spoken.

It was clear from the opening speech, delivered by the Latvian minister of culture, that the small Baltic republic feels its separate artistic heritage has been swamped and debased by nearly half a century of political domination. The main message to the foreign arts administrators was that in future they should deal directly with Riga in matters of cultural exchange, rather than channelling their efforts through the Soviet ministry of culture in Moscow. As Andrew Brown, director of Edinburgh's 369 gallery and the only British delegate, commented: "It was as if the Scottish Arts Council, feeling hijacked and undermined by the Arts Council of Great Britain, had decided to do something about it."

At the Latvian union of artists' annual spring exhibition, held in the exhibition hall of the Latvia Hotel, there was ample evidence that the country's pride in its native artists is justified. A smattering of now discredited socialist realism testified to Stalin's unhappy artistic legacy, and a profusion of uninspired potboilers showed the older members of the artistic establishment to be no more adventurous than their Western counterparts. But several young talents shone out

Mitrevics, who paints enormous figurative compositions with the angry dynamism of John Hoyland, and Aija Zarina, who uses the myth of Europa and the Bull to comment upon the Soviet Union's rape of her homeland.

It is clear from a short visit to the Latvian National Gallery -an ornate, pseudo-Baroque, turn-ofthe-century symbol of Latvian nationalism — that these young artists have a distinguished, expressive Colourist tradition to build upon. Two artists in particular show that Riga was au fair with the revolutionary movements of Paris and Berlin. Rosentals (the father of 20th-century Latvian art) trained at St Petersburg Academy, and made his reputation with elegant, Serov-like, portraits of the Baltic bourgeoisie, but became a precocious convert to Fauvism. Walters combined Matisse's colour with Munch's symbolism.

Associated with the conference were studio visits designed to introduce dealers to promising artists. German and Norwegian galleries in particular snapped up potentially hot property. These studio visits served to reveal yet more of the wealth of decorative arts and architecture secreted for so long behind the Iron Curtain: the artist Francesca Kirke, for example, works in a superb Art Deco house crammed with precious Latvian arts and crafts furniture. Riga's new Museum of Decorative Arts, in a converted medieval church, opens shortly.

Meanwhile, in the wake of the Mariborough gallery's showing of Francis Bacon, the Moscow art public is being exposed to the giant photo-montages of Gilbert and George, taken to Moscow by the Anthony d'Offay gallery (the pair and their jet-setting entourage turned up at their vernissage at the new Tretyakov gallery). Even in these days of glasnost, the unsavoury content of these works strikes a decadent note in a tawdry city of sparse shelves and dissatisfied consumers. If the Russians' comments at the private view were anything to go by, it would seem that while McDonalds may be welcome, this absurdly expensive, trivial museum art is not.

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Dancing with the common herd

MARKET forces apply even to the independent music scene. Two years ago the Inspiral Carpets, like their fellow Mancunians the Stone Roses and Happy Mondays, would hardly have been called a dance band. Then came the rise of Acid House/Rave culture, with well-attended dance parties taking place all over the South East.

Police blockades on the M25 and impending legislation have all Raves have become institutionalized and, instead of happening in fields near motorways, take place indoors at established rock

The consequence is that participants are now entertained by bands as opposed to Dis: hence last month's Black Box and Happy Mondays events at the London and Wembley arenas. The main contribution of "Rave" culture to contemporary mores has been to give formerly passive fans a passion to dance. Groups such as those named above have had to satisfy this demand and modify their music accordingly.
The relationship between act

and audience is, by the standards of the music industry, now extraordinarily democratic. The group comes to play for the fans,

ROCK Mike Nicholls

Inspiral Carpets Brixton Academy

rather than the fans simply coming to see and worship their favourite recording stars in the supremacy.

Into the new social phenomenon step the Inspiral Carpets, benefactors of this discreet revolution. Their recent hit, "This Is How It Feels", is among the best singles of the year so far, its nagging keyboard figure and late Sixties harmonies offering a challenging combination of reference points. Followers of The Jam will have recognized similarities with their obscure classic, "The Butterfly Collector", although there are other influences which can clearly be discerned.

Keyboard-player Clint Boon sounds as though he is on loan from the Stranglers, while singer Tom Hingley sounds disturbingly like Julian Cope at his most psychedelic when he was with Teardrop Explodes. The busy light-show, early-psychedelia image and indeed their name, suggest that the Inspiral Carpets have sought their inspiration from that

Ian McEwan: his stories now exploit positive as well as negative aspects of eroticism

On the credit side, they are a tight live band with no shortage of material, derivative or otherwise Before signing to the highly credible independent Mute Records, they released several singles on

their own Cow label. were included in the set, along with virtually all the songs on their album, Life, which entered the charts at number two. There were other tunes too, indicating that the group can be classed as prolific sougwriters as well as fluid

Helped by their entertaining backdrops (documentary footage, tabloid headlines and so on), the Inspirals have a charisma lacking in many of today's young bands. Their fans show appreciation of this by chorusing "Moo!" between songs: a reference to the band's Cow records logo.

When they start to write ma-terial original enough to match the confidence of their sound, Inspiral Carpets will be welcome to keep on playing until the cows come

Funny old game, football

TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

VIEWERS in Bournemouth, pickup the broken glass after Saturday's soccer rioting, will have had some cause to doubt the claim of a new Yorkshire Television series that football is The Greatest Game on Earth. In support of its title, the first of four films, made over two years in nine World Cap countries, came up with the news that soccer is played in more nations than belong to the UN and that this summer's cup will be watched by 15 billion people, three times the world's

I am still worrying about that figure. Is everyone going to watch the World Cup three times? Are all 15 billion, including presumably residents of Mars watching via satellite, going to tune in simultaneously or are the viewing figures merely going to be assessed at the moment when 15 billion people tune in, see that it's the bloody football again, and wander off to the video shop leaving their sets playing only for the statisticians?

Such burning questions were not addressed by Yorkshire's new series, nor was my hope that Sardinia might be turned into an all-football island.

The island (where the opening summer matches in the World Cup are being played, as a warldwide tribute to British boolisoccer fans surrounded by as much water as possible) would be entirely inhabited by players and their audiences. In this way, the rest of the world could get on with a goal-free life.

But what The Greatest Game on Earth did consider was the fact that in Egypt they now keep armed soldiers on the pitch, alongside an impartial German referee who races back to the airport before the crowd can kill him. Meanwhile, in Naples, they have named pizzas, steets and several children after Diego Maradona, who gets £10,000 per goal, £25,000 per interview, and 25 per cent of the proceeds from all souvenirs sold in his name.

He also has so much painkiller nside him that his limbs have to be scraped clear of it every three months. Nor is the game that much easier in the Soviet Union: "Go out there", a coach was seen telling his teenage team "and kick their legs in". The TV Times, advertising the programme, calls football "a glorious obsession":

try telling that this morning to the mayor of Bournemouth. Increased television coverage of world affairs does not always mean that we know much more about the affairs themselves. Channel 4's Cutting Edge last night reported a war in Augola, fought by Cuban and South African guest soldiers, few of whom seem even now to have much idea of which side won or for precisely what they were fighting. Doubtless they will soon

Testament of affection

ANY concert hoping to be a total tribute to Michael Vyner would have to last not three and a half hours but as many weeks, stocked with the 85 pieces he commissioned for the London Sinfonietta plus the complete works of Stravinsky, Tippett, Webern, Weill and all the other modern masters his festivals presented.

Sunday's concert could only hope to give a small part of Vyner, flamboyance and fun. But the quite extraordinary succession of conductors - David Atherton, Bernard Haitink, Oliver Knussen, Simon Rattle, Witold Lutoslaw ski, Esa-Pekka Salonen - testified to the respect, prestige and affec-tion the Sinfonietta enjoyed during the 17 years of his directorship, while the no less spectacular sequence of new works was some indication of how much he is missed by composers.

I almost wrote that they were the main beneficiaries of his tireless work in promoting new music, but that would be untrue: we all were. The 1970s and 1980s would have been musically so much duller without him; the 1990s will be, unless his spirit can somehow be made to survive.

Of the eight pieces composed for this occasion, the briefest was Berio's Leaf, a witty and charming prevarication with a few chords.

CONCERTS Paul Griffiths

Michael Vyner **Memorial Concert** Covent Garden

ley, who later played Takemitsu's Litany in two movements, Japaoddly developed from music the composer wrote 40 years ago. Crossley was also the soloist in Henze's Introitus, promised as the first movement of a Requiem for instruments, and offering a hefty five minutes after its delicate, high treble opening. Two other composers chose the

violin as solo instrument, remembering Vyner's own history as a violinist, and surely incorporating more personal messages. Oliver Knussen admitted as much, stating that his Secret Song somehow encoded a work Vyner always mentioned when playing the game of choosing music for his own funeral: Nona Liddell showed a piece with a regretful smile on its face, though the secret was kept. She was also the soloist touchingly left alone at the end of Nigel

Osborne's Eulogy. From Peter Maxwell Davies there was a short, solemn slow movement, Threnody on a Plain-



Paul Crossley: a soloist here and new LS artistic director

song, and from Henryk Gorecki a long Good Night, of which we heard only the final third, setting a phrase from Horatio's farewell to Hamlet for soprano (Margaret Field), alto flute, piano and tamtams in a style so minimal as almost to have vanished.

Much the most impressive memorial came from Harrison Birtwistle in his Ritual Fragment. The musicians sit stretched in an arc across the stage, with a bass drum signaller in front, and take turns to play solos at the centre, like mourners laying flowers on a coffin, except that the tone is more electric than funereal, even if the initial festooning of melodies is gradually reduced to ticking ostinatos. A beautiful piece, beautifully performed. Vyner would have been proud of his family.

Pleasure in shifting tonal colours

Noël Goodwin

LPO/Tennstedt

Festival Hall

IN THE 20 years since Kyung-Wha Chung made her diminutive first appearance on this platform, with time taken to marry and have a family, she has given more consistent pleasure in my experi-ence than most solo violinists over a similar span. She did so again with Bruch's G minor Concerto in this programme, lifting it to a poetic realm by her line of thought, and with those beguiling shifts of tonal colour to which Richard Morrison drew attention in his profile of her on this page

The way she plays is less a matter of instinct now, of course, and more a considered approach. with technique put at the service of a musical sensibility in which crisp articulation and subtlety of shading are basic qualities. The raptness and wonder of her entry in the slow movement, stealing in on the breath of melody, was complemented by her vivacity and character in the finale and natched by the London Phil-

harmonic's support.
The LPO, with Klaus Tenn stedt, made a strong finish in its last South Bank concert before it Glyndebourne. Following only three nights after Kurt Masur as a guest conductor, Tennstedt began omewhat uncharacteristically with the revels of Night on the Bare Mountain, here owing less to Mussorgsky than to Rimsky-Korsakov's orchestral smooth polish, as if the spirits of darkness

environmentally friendly. The drama was kept until last. Brahms's First Symphony, from the ominous introduction on to the fateful finale, was a forceful yet often radiant performance, the essential outlines well prepared in rehearsal, but leaving something to add in spontaneous response as the conductor shaped it with the

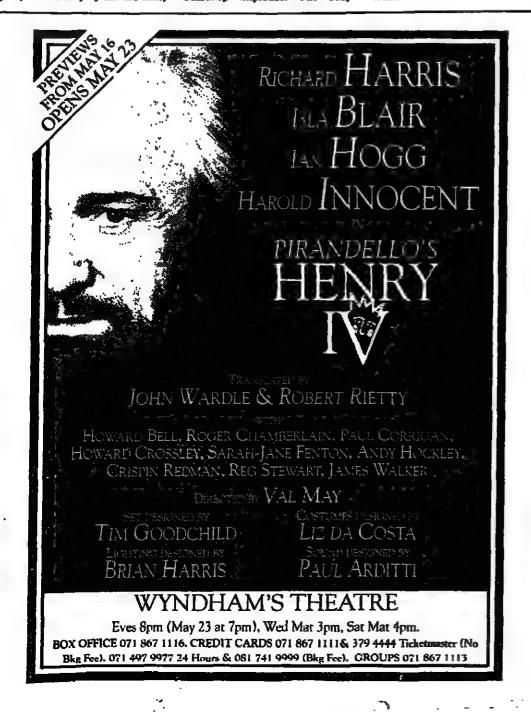
left hand's curving palm or stabbing forefinger. It was surprising only to find he made no repeat of the first-movement exposition; the rest had majestic purpose and orchestral splendour, not least in the warmth of string playing, though it was the first oboist to whom Tennstedt offered public congratulations at the end.

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FASHION

Making the pieces fit for the High Street

Jigsaw's clothes can be worn by everyone - and still be individual, Dinah Hall

reports

s the fashion vul tures hover over the parched wilderness of the High Street. waiting to pick over the bones of the next recession-hit shop, what lessons can be learnt from the carries factor - those shops which seem to be blooming on barren ground?

Jigsaw is colonizing the capital, having gone thoroughly against the grain by working its way in from the genteel fringes of outer London with shops in Richmond, Kingston, Hampstead and the provinces. It has recently opened its Kings Road branch - the nineteenth member of the family. "Chain" is a word Jigsaw shies away from, for, although the shops may all have the same generic make-up, and at least 90 per cent of the same stock, they are quite individual in character (cool and woody in Richmond, street-wise and 22ppy in Kensington).

For the moment the sun and the fashion press - are shining upon Jigsaw, and it's certainly not because they make a journalist's life easy. Photographing the clothes presents no problem - like the customers, you simply sweep up armfuls of loose pleated linen skirts, washed silk shirts and polka-dot dresses, of a style to please everyone and a price to frighten no one. But matter. This is trial by ordeal.

John Robinson, who set up Jigsaw in 1980, will only be interviewed as part of a team of designers and merchandisers. To the journalist facing six pairs of wary eyes across a ophy-which probably goes a : long way to explaining the success of his business.

Mr Robinson, looking more like the manager of a boatvard in his jeans and a blue designers are particularly jumper than an emperor of proud of the fact that people fashion, puts the success down can wear Jigsaw clothes withto the fact that the company is out them being immediately design-based, "not run by accountants". Given this, it is accountants". Given this, it is "they are designed to be worn only right that the designers in an individual way". Inshould be given equal say in spiration, they say, comes interviews. spiration, they say, comes from simply keeping their eyes

The round-the-table approach is used when it comes to work as well. The designers definition, then, they are not don't sit in creative isolation, one step ahead. "No." they they say, "but get round the say, "we're one step aside. But table and pool our ideas". But we're not slavishly following this doesn't result in consen- anyone else. And, most imsus dressing, for, "although we portantly, we're allowed to has different views". And that, convictions." perhaps, is the key to Jigsaw's success: the clothes are acces- ground is in manufacturing, sible to a wide range of people (mothers shopping with their intuitively rather than to any daughters are a common particular "business plan".

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Asked how he judges where to open shops (Cheitenham and Chester aren't doing so well,

dividuality which sets them aside from the mainstream or the mediocre. Paradoxically, perhaps, the

identifiable as such, because open, from seeing someone on the street or in a magazine. By work well as a team, everyone have the courage of our

> Mr Robinson, whose backseems to manage the company

AN ANN BLOCKLEY DESIGN FOR

EHRMAN TAPESTRY

Ann Blockley, the Watercolour artist, has taken this splendid

Ann Blockley, the Watercolour artist, has taken this splendid farmyard pair as the theme for her latest tapestry. Both the cock and the hen are a rich combination of nut and maliogary brown, golden and primrose yellow, pink, sage, peacock and deep green, scarlet and rusty ochre. The ferns and leaves in the foreground are paler olive and leaf greens and they are set on a light sandy yellow background. The design is surrounded by a narrow border of hens in auburn brown for an alway background. It makes a lovely, fresh tapestry that would

on an olive background. It makes a lovely, fresh tapestry that would

go well anywhere.

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but he is confident that Manchester and Cambridge, where he plans to set up next, would be good spots for Jigsaw), he says he simply goes on hearsay. No elaborate market research, no accountants holding them back . . .

This month, Jigsaw is introducing a designer label: another round-the-table decision. Helen Storey has designed a line of clothes recognizably hers in stretch sequins, denim and silk, but able to take advantage of Jigsaw's mass production and prices. Mr Robinson believes getting designer names in to the High Street is the way of the future but has no idea whether it will work.

And, to his credit, instead of taking the asual cautious not to say patronizing -British business attitude of restricting the company to a pilot launch in central London before committing itself to the the rest of the country, the Helen Storey label will be available nationwide at the end of May.

They do not deny, however, that there is a difference between London and the rest of the country. "They still want the quality outside London, but there is definitely a price barrier," says shop manager Helen Dyson.

"They tend to go more for the T-shirting rather than investment clothing; it's to do with different lifestyles. Linen tends to sell very well in London, whereas our rib stuff does well throughout the country, as does silk."

Liz Smith is on holiday



Silver crochet cardigan, £46; black and white dog's-tooth check linen shorts, £38, Jigsaw.
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Street, Kingston; 5 Burton Street, Bath; 2 Calverly Street, Tunbridge Wells

HOTLINE

Today's fashion set for history

FEW designers, it seems, care about a place in history - they would rather have a couple of spreads in Vogue than a showing in the costume department of the Victoria and Albert Museum. But not so Caroline Charles, who has a

small display of her clothes, celebrating 10 years in Beauchamp Place, at the V&A until September. "We are very anxious to keep our collection up to date: it's essential that we

have a running continuity of styles." savs Avril Hart, research assistant in the museum's Textiles. Furnishings and Dress department.

"But we can't just go out and buy; we rely on gifts, and not enough designers are coming up with the goods," she says. They seem to think they're not being appreciated if their clothes are put into store. In fact, we get a huge number of people coming to see the reserve stock by appointment. And, of course, things can get pulled out of store for special exhibition years later."

The "historical" verdict on Caroline

Caroline Charles at the V&A

Charles, who has been a leading fashion name for 27 years, having trained with conturier Michael Sherard in the 1960s. is pretty much in accord with that of the fashion editors, if couched in more academically reserved language.

"She's a classical designer with a very good sense of colour," Ms Hart says. "Her clothes are attractive, wearable and

Judge for yourself: the display, which includes her sensational bead-encrusted jackets, is on view from today.

Uniform design

NEXT week the check-in staff of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express will be sporting a new uniform - a navy blue suit with a long jacket and slightly flared skirt, designed by Alistair Blair, Blair follows other designers who have got into uniform: among them, Jeff Banks and his outfits for the Guides and Brownies, Monica Chong's designs for the BUPA medical staff and Ealing Health Au-thority, and Arabella Pollen's designs for the Virgin airline.

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Act takes judges back to 'school'

training programme to pre-pare about 1,000 judges for handling cases under the Children Act 1989 gets under way. It is the most ambitious training programme ever mounted for the judiciary in response to new law.

The idea is to prepare judges of all ranks — High Court, county court, registrars, stipendiary magistrates - and also justices' clerks for the radically different approach to handling disputes involving childen when the Act comes into force in October, 1991.

A series of 17 seminars - or 'roadshows" to use the judges' description - will be mounted by the Judicial Studies Board, the body charged with judicial training around the country. The series begins in Manchester on May 21. At each of the seminars about 50 judges will be invited to jettison old assumptions about bandling disputes involving children and to develop new attitudes on the

The Children Act 1989 is not only a revolution in the law itself, bringing together in one statute all the law on children, whether it concerns removal of a child into local authority care and the parents' right of access, or a private dispute between divorcing couples and the question of responsibility for the child. The Act also, for the first time, creates a special court system for the handling of children's cases with a single set of rules and procedures.

The old system, with its often muddled, bizarre and unfair set of laws, has been swept away along with the anomalies which often meant a different law and procedure depending on which court the case

When the Act is in force, the same law on children's cases will apply An ambitious series of

seminars will help judges develop fresh and consistent views on children and the law, Frances Gibb,

Legal Affairs Correspondent, writes

whether the case is before mag-istrates or in the High Court. It creates, in effect, an "embryo" Family Court for children's cases: a single jurisdiction where there are specialist, trained judges and cases can move up or down to the appropriate tier of tribunal.

All this has justified an unprecedented programme of training for the judiciary. It breaks new ground in a number of ways. Firstly, judges will be trained or taught en masse, irrespective of rank. This is a symbol, according to one of the coordinators, Mr Justice Johnson, of the fact that for the first time the same law will apply, whatever the

Secondly, they will be taught by non-judges. The seminars will be conducted by teams of academics, child psychiatrists, court welfare officers and guardians ad litem (the senior social workers who represent

the child's interests). Thirdly, the programme will result in a specialist corps of "children's judges". These will be 100 or so circuit judges selected from the 225 on the initial training who, in the programme's second phase, will go on three-day residential courses next year. Above all, the programme puts judio firmly on the agenda.

Until recently, the very concept of training was unacceptable to judges. The extensive work of the Judicial Studies Board in this respect was under the guise of "study semi-nars", or "refresher courses". But judges themselves now talk of training. "No one is daft enough now to believe you learn it all on the job," Mr Justice Johnson says.

Away from the public eye, however, the board has already made huge strides in judicial training. It was set up in 1963, a judge-created body, to bold discussions on sentencing Then, in 1985, with the encouragement of Lord Hailsham, the then Lord Chancellor, it was revamped. The result was four committees: criminal, civil and family, magisterial and tribunals, under a Court of Appeal judge as chairman. At present this is Lord

Justice Glidewell.

A key part of the board's work has always been criminal. Its role in promoting consistency of approach in the courts is crucial; through disseminating guideline judgements of the Lord Chief Justice; through induction courses for novice judges (assistant recorders), and through refresher courses for experienced judges (all must attend every five

With the Children Act, however, and the legal reforms going through Parliament, the board will face a buge expansion in work on the civil side. Its budget has been increased from £1 million to £1.5 million to cope with this (and the work from the Children Act) alone. Under the legal reforms, many disputes will be moved from the High Court down to the county court and many circuit judges, accustomed to criminal cases will have to tackle large numbers of civil disputes.

The board also has programmes

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Future games: the Children Act aims at judicial consistency

under way to train the "trainers" of the 27,000 lay magistrates, as well as the chairmen of the many different tribunals throughout the country (immigration, VAT, pensions appeals). This is a huge task: there are, for example, 4,000 General Commissioners of Income Tax

Lord Justice Glidewell believes good,

there is no likelihood of a move in this country towards a Continentalstyle career structure for judges, where they are trained for the job from an early stage. However, he says: "The whole

trend of the board's work is towards making judges more professional than they were and that must be

Numbers game adds up to a profession's loss

The Law Society is changing its training system to answer the call for more and better recruits

JUST 10 years ago, the Law Society, the solicitors' governing body, revamped its training system. The changes were meant to last until the end of the century and to revolutionize an archaic and tediously rotelearnt regime. Now the society is in the throes of another re-think because the system is providing too few good quality recruits.

Every year, up to 7,000 qualified people are trying to squeeze through the last turnstile into the profession - the year-long Law Society finals Course. Just over 4,000 cours places are available nationally. All of these aspiring solicitors will have a law degree or the equivalent; many will have spent two years working in a solicitor's firm doing another stage in their training, as articled trainees, formerly known as articled clerks.

Most, therefore, are committed to a career in the law. Avrom Scherr, director of Legal Practice at Warwick University, says: "All law teachers know that they have stu-

dents of excellent standard who cannot get a place on the finals course. Something has to be done about that."

Even if students win the numbers game, the cost of the finals course can be the final disincentive to joining the profession. Local authority discretionary grants are drying up. Fees at the main provider of the course places, the College of Law (training arm of the Law Society), now top £2,000.

Although polytechnics charge considerably less, they offer far fewer places and are also expected to increase their prices now that they are independent, self-financing bodies. The whole system is becoming increasingly discouraging, particularly for a range of mature or financially disadvantaged entrants at a time when demographic change threatens the supply of new lawyers in the 1990s.

However, the demand for them is there. The phenomenal growth of the legal profession during the



198US more than ou der of and the development of legal services has created what is known as the "recruitment crisis".

The biggest demand comes from the large commercial firms, who now pay their trainees salaries undreamt of 10 years ago -£18,000 in some cases - way above the Law Society minima. They will often bear the cost of finals fees. The trend seems to have resulted in enormous shortages elsewhere, in high-street legal-aid practices and the grossly

under-staffed Crown Prosecution

Yet it is not just a numbers game. The 1980s have seen a revolution in law teaching and in the expectations of employers. New law is coming thick and fast from Westminster

Lawyers, more than ever before, must be able to find their way around the law rather than relying on what they learnt at college. The 1980 finals course, like its predecessor, has now been condemned by many as being too bogged down with teaching black letter law and not paying enough attention to legal

In response, the Law Society produced radical proposals at the beginning of the year for a sixmonths finals course which would contain more skills teaching and marginally less law. Articled clerks would also get further formal training in a four-week "professional skills course". The proposals could effectively double the throughput of

the finals course machinery. The Law Society's council will consider a revamped proposal on May 17, at a special meeting. There is great doubt whether the sixmonth course proposal has survived the extended period of consultation.

Initial opposition to the changes came from the College of Law itself, arguing that the quality of the law component would inevitably suffer from the cut in teaching time. Misgivings were also expressed about opening the system up to more independent educational bodies, such as polytechnics, and allowing them to assess and examine their own students. Most of all, the changes would place unprecedented pressures on an educational system facing a recruitment crisis of

Proponents of change say that mandatory post-qualification training, and requirements preventing new solicitors practicing on their own account, the learning process now stretches much further into the future. This makes the concentrated, once-for-all finals exam

redundant, according to Mr Scherr. Can the legal profession afford to keep employers and would-be recruits waiting on each side of the

Sally Hughes

INNS AND OUTS

A s the struggle over the right of English lawyers to practise in Paris continues, with righteous indignation coming almost exclusively from this side of the Channel, a delve into the history books puts a different complexion on the debate. The English are up in arms over the French Bar's proposal that all foreign lawyers take a test before practising their home law in France. As suggested in the May issue of International Financial Law Review, it is the English lawyers'

fault that a test exists at all. Michel Petite, the European Community Commission official who pushed through the directive on the mutual recognition of diplomas, which contains the controversial provision, is quoted as saying the French moves were: ironically exactly what we wanted to avoid with the directive - but we were prevented by the British delegation." He claims the delegation was at the forefront on the opposition to straightforward and automatic mutual recognition and insisted on additional tests. Calling the delegation's objections, "a strategic and tactical error of a grandiose nature". M Petite argues that they should have recognized the mistake "because who exports lawyers? Not the French but the British." Hope of any help from the Commission for British firms in Paris seems to be fading fast.

awyers, law students and academics from all over the UK met at the University of Warwick 10 days ago to review the position of British lawyers in relation to the apartheid regime in South Africa after the recent release of Nelson Mandela and the unbanning of the African National Congress. Lawyers Against Apartheid (LAA), a group affiliated to the antiapartheid movement, has close links with Nadel, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers in South Africa. According to the group's secretary, barrister Mark Guthrie, British lawyers offer specialized support work, research and practical help to Nadel. The group also initiated the campaign that resulted in

the Law Society's disinvestment from South Africa.

The meeting was addressed by Chris Watters, a Johannesburg attorney: Pascalis Makhatha, an ANC representative; Lucia Otto, from Satis, the group representing the interests of political prisoners in South Africa; and Brian Hurwitz, a South African awyer now working in the UK. The speakers reported that after an initial period of euphoria following Mandela's release, concern is mounting among lawyers that levels of political repression have not diminished and that common-law public order offences are still being used to inhibit peaceful protest. They called on British lawyers not to decrease their support for Nadel's work and for the dismantling of apartheid legislation. The group also considered the thorny question of Namibia's international debts and the issue of whether the Namibian government should be held liable for debts incurred by the South African administration.

the recent announcement that Baker & McKenzie's London office was the first law firm to win the Queen's Award for Export Achievement came just as the British Invisible Exports Council released its annual statistics. Lawyers, in particular, have shown a dramatic increase in foreign earnings over the past decade. In 1987, the overseas earnings of solicitors and barristers combined equalled a total £44 million. By 1988, it had risen to £300 million. What with Big Bang and 1992, that may not seem surprising, but in terms of the Queen's Award, why was Baker & McKenzie the first firm to receive the accolade?

Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the London office is part of an international partnership based in Chicago and as such, the 48 or so offices worldwide have always placed great emphasis on servicing US clients overseas. It might be more interesting to compare Baker & Mckenzie's UK earnings with some of the City firms. Then again, why did firms such as Linklaters & Paines and Clifford Chance not qualify for the award, considering the great increase in their earnings? Maybe they are still shy of revealing how much they earn, even to the

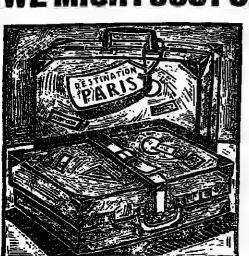
Solicitors are planning to keep these invisible export earnings riding high as 1992 approaches, but in what looks increasingly like a huge marketing exercise, the need to capture the new spirit of international cooperation in a suitable name is acute. The latest announcement that London firm Baileys, Shaw & Gillett has co-founded a European Economic Interest Grouping with firms from West Germany, France, Brussels, Italy and Spain would seem to have veered slightly from the ideal. The group is saddled with the almost unpronouncable title Legalliance - which makes it sound rather more like a professional indemnity policy than a European legal grouping.

niversity College London has achieved a notable first. It has appointed Professor Hiroshi Oda, at present an associate Professor of Law at the University of Tokyo, as the Sir Ernest Satow Professor of Japanese Law, the first time that the holder of an established post in a Japanese law faculty. has moved to a European or North American university. With his extensive knowledge of Soviet and east European law, Professor Oda plans to develop the faculty's East-West law coverage, as well as their Japanese law programme, which will include courses for practitioners and postgraduates.

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The dubious question of proof

olice malpractice of the kind revealed in the West Midlands Serious Crimes Squad and the case of the Guildford Four will continue until the police disciplinary system is radically reformed.

We need to change the way complaints are dealt with in two fundamental respects: the stan-dard of proof and the method of internal inquiry. The first change seems to have the support of Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, and the second of the Police Federation.

Consider a typical example of how the system works. Mr R, a Jamaican businessman, was picked up in a north London suburb in the early hours of the morning after leaving a party. He was abused, searched and taken to a police station, where he was charged with being drunk and disorderly. Two police sergeants claimed they had found him staggering in the middle of the road, waving his arms about and shouting. In court, they could not agree on what he was doing, and the case was thrown out.

Mr R then sued the police. Three witnesses, who had parted company shortly before he was arrested, insisted that he was completely sober. A county court jury awarded him damages. He then made a complaint to

the police. But the Police Complaints Board (as it then was) said that since the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided not to LEGAL BRIEF

Last week a report by the Police Complaints. Authority concluded that internal police

disciplinary hearings against dishonest officers are surrounded by far too much secrecy, Stephen Grosz argues the case for reform

bring criminal charges against the sergeants, they could not bring disciplinary charges — the so-called "double jeopardy" rule. Mr R took the complaints

board to the High Court, which said that the board had been wrong. The board then directed that the officers, one of whom was by now an inspector, should be disciplined. The complainant gave his evi-dence at a closed hearing, in which

the case was presented and judged by policemen. The tribunal could not be sure that Mr R had not gone back into the party and become drunk in the 10 minutes between being left by his friends and being found by the police. The officers were cleared. Having won his case in two

courts, Mr R could have little faith in a private disciplinary tribunal which allowed the officers to get off; particularly when, a few years later, one of them was convicted of offences connected with the theft of drugs.

Mr R's case happened some years ago, but the system is no better today. An officer can be found guilty of a disciplinary charge only if it is proved to the

criminal standard; ie, "beyond a reasonable doubt". As a result, few charges are brought and only a small proportion is proved.

Yet this standard is unnecessarily high and is wrong in principle. Someone charged with a criminal offence risks prison or a fine and will be branded as a criminal It is right that the power of the

While the system is unchanged, dishonest and violent officers will operate safe in the knowledge that they are unlikely to be punished

state should be wielded against him or her only if a judge or jury is satisfied, so that they are sure that he or she is guilty. But a disciplinary charge is different — even where the offence alleged is also a criminal act. Disciplinary sanctions range from dismissal to caution, and the process is more like the normal disciplinary procedure in every employment relationship, where disciplinary

offences are considered proven if the evidence establishes that they are more likely to have been committed then ook.

The public interest, particularly where the police are concerned, requires a different balance between the individual officer and the commu Police officers have considerable powers to arrest and detain ispects, to search them and take their fingerprints and to search their homes. Whether they have too much power or not enough, we are entitled to insist it is exercised only by officers of integrity.

Recently, civil actions against the police have resulted in jury findings - on the balance of probabilities - of serious misconduct by police officers and substantial awards of damages. The public is rightly scandalized to find that officers are often not formally disciplined because of the standard of proof. In 1985, the Court of Appeal doubted that the police were right in adopting the criminal standard in disciplinary proceedings. The Home Secretary's response was to enshrine the practice in the Police

(Discipline) Regulations to require them to do so. That requirement should be changed. By itself, this will not restore confidence in police disciplinary procedures as an effective weapon against police misconduct. Few will trust the system as long as the police investigate and discipline their own people behind closed doors.

No amount of reassurance from the Police Complaints Authority can remedy the percep-tion of institutional bias born of the manner in which complaints are investigated and adjudicated

Doubts about the fairness of the system are shared by police officers. To be cleared by an internal inquiry does not give the clean bill of health which would result from vindication after a manifestly impartial investigation and a hearing before an independent tribunal. They, too, would like to see the system

As long as the system remains unchanged, dishonest and violent police officers will continue to operate, safe in the knowledge that they are unlikely to be nunished; and lack of confidence will lead more individuals who do not necessarily want damages to turn to the civil courts for a public and independent resolution of their complaints against the police.

The author is a solicitor with Bindman and Co.



Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner: on complaints, he supports changing the standard of proof

Law Report May 8 1990 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Clerks must read to justices the prosecution's written request for costs

Reging v Coventry City Jus- the decision of Coventry Justices, Ex parte Director of Public Prospensions Before Lord Justice Watkins [Judgment May 1]

It was incumbent upon clerks to justices to read out to the ustices written applications for costs appended to the forms carrying written pleas of guilty where those were submitted under the procedure provided by section 12 of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 for dealing with guilty pleas without the attendance at court of either prosecu-tion or defendant.

It was necessary so to do to enable the justices to decide whether to award costs under section 18 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when granting the Director of Public Prosecutions judicial review, by way of declaratory judgment, of

tices whereby they had refused to cause their clerk to read out to them a claim by the prosecution for costs in an uncontested

The declaration was that: (a) A claim for costs by the prosecu-tion against the defendant, in a case proceeding according to the provisions of section 12 of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 might be notified to the defen-dant in the same document as contained the statement re-quired to be made by the prosecution under section 12(1)(b) thereof, but if so noti-fied did not form any part of the

(b) If such a claim for costs was so notified, then when the document was before the court on the day fixed for the hearing of the matter, the claim be brought to the court's attention. and it would be the duty of the court to adjudicate thereupon.
Prosecuting authorities

throughout the country made it a practice of appending to the statement of facts, which they were required by section 12 to send to the defendant, a claim for their costs which had been estimated at around £10 for the administration of such cases.

The practice had arisen in gistrates courts by which the clerks to justices declined to read out to the justices the application for costs and there was therefore no costs award in the absence of a representative of the prosecuting authority. Mr John Laws for the ap-

plicant; the respondents did not appear and were not LORD JUSTICE WATKINS.

giving the judgment of the court, said that the procedure had proved most beneficial Used in about 200,000 to 250,000 cases a

In the present case the defen-dant had pleaded guilty by post to an offence of driving without due care and attention. Below a dotted line separating that from typed words saying costs of £10 were claimed under section 18 of the Prosecution of Offences

That figure would multiply many times if appearances had to be made before justices by either prosecutor or defence or

both. There was therefore mani-

lestly a need for the procedure to be universally followed and the

provided defendants were clearly informed that an applica-

There was no prescribed form

for applying for costs so the prosecutor was free to choose an

appropriate manner.

tion had been made for them.

The CPS, scenting trouble, were attending the hearing and indeed following the recitation of

the statement of facts relating to the offence the clerk indicated that he did not wish to read, as requested, the claim for costs and advised the justices that they should not cause him to do

The reasons for doing so were that: the clerk this not consider the application for costs to be properly a part of the statement of facts; it was improper for such an application to be considered by justices before they had decided, on the basis of the statement of facts, whether to accept the plea of guilty; the cierk should not make an application for costs of his own volition and if the prosecution wished to apply for their costs they should arrend.

Neither the clerk nor the bench was represented before their Lordships. There was sound remon for that. There was no provision for meeting their costs should they be called upon to meet those of a successful party. That was regrettable and was a simuation for which a remody must be found.

His Lordship did not accep the submission of Mr Laws that the section 12(1) notice formed part of the statement of "facts relating to the charge". The statement of facts referred to in section 12 clearly referred to the facts relating to the offence

They were set out specifically for the purpose of allowing a defendant the proper opportunity to consider what plea to tender. They had no other purpose. The nature of costs was an entirely independent issue and could not relate to the circumstances of the offence.

Mr Laws also submitted that nothing in section 12 of the Magistrates Courts Act or sec-tion 18 of the Prosecution of Offences Act required the attendance of the prosecutor for the

justices to be able to consider a claim for costs. The purpose of section 12 was to obviate the need for their attendance.

The effect of the justice decision was to disapply section 18. They were not being asked to deal with the question of costs before deciding whether to accept a guilty plea. There was no possible vice in

the claim for costs being brought to their attention before they adjudicated on the plea. If the application for costs was not part of the statement of facts. Mr Laws submitted, section 12(5) did not prohibit the clerk drawing it to the justices' attention. otherwise they could not carry out their duty to adjudicate upon it. The clerk was not being asked to make the application of his own volition.

His Lordship considered Mr Laws was entirely right in all The instant application for costs might be said to be inappropriately placed where it was on the form required for the statement of facts but it was made clear that it was not, and was not meant to be a part of the statement of facts relating to the

It might be that a separate form for making an application for costs and other matters such as the need to produce a driving licence which had to be brought to the attention of the court and of the defendant should be created. An alteration should be considered by the CPS in conjunction with justices clerks.

What it was absolutely necessary should happen forthwith was that the practice of not reading out the prosecutor's claim for costs had to cease. It was grossly improper not to bring the matter of costs to the attention of the justices where the section 12 procedure was being followed. Solicitors: DPP.

Ambulance crew owe seat-belt duty of care to passenger

Thames Health Authority Before Mr Justice Judge [Judgment May 4]

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The duty of care owed by an ambulance crew to a passenger in the back of their vehicle included a duty to direct the was a seat belt and to draw her attention to notices urging that a seat belt be worn. In the circumstances, the passenger's failure to wear a seat belt did not amount to contributory

negligence.
Mr Justice Judge so held in
the Queen's Bench Division
giving judgment for Mrs Ivy
Una Eastman for damages the injuries sustained through the negligence of the defendant health authority.

Mr Derek Sweeting for the plaintiff; Mr John Douglas for

MR JUSTICE JUDGE said on February 24, 1986 Mrs Eastman was a passenger in the back of an ambulance being driven through Romford in Essex. She was accompanying her aged mother-in-law to hospital.

The ambulance driver braked sharply to avoid a schoolboy cyclist who had suddenly ridden cyclist who had suddenly ridden into his path. Mrs Eastman was thrown out of her seat and sustained serious injuries. His Lordship said did not accept that the ambulance had been driven nestigently. He

been driven negligently. He found as a fact that Mrs Eastman was unfamiliar with the inside of an ambulance, that she was concerned and anxious about her mother-in-law, and that she had been allowed to sit where she chose within the back of the ambulance.

Before Lord Justice Watkins

The Home Office was under no

duty to inform a paroled pris-oner of the reasons for his recall to prison until his return there (see section 62(3) of the Crim-inal Justice Act 1967) and had

they explained that to his solici-tor, the prisoner having ab-sconded after recall, then

subsequent costs and litigation

could have been avoided.
The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court so stated when

and Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment April 30]

In re Hales

She had sat in a seat behind the driver, opposite the atten-dant, Mr David Smith. She had not observed a seat belt and Mr Smith was not wearing one. Mrs Eastman had not seen the notice which stated "For your own safety use the seat belts provided", nor had Mr Smith drawn it to her attention.

The plaintiff's case was that given the known risks to passengers sitting in the back of ambulances the defendant's duty to take reasonable care for Mrs Eastman included a duty to dentify the seat belt and encourage its use.
The defendant's case was that

it had no duty to a passenger who was not a patient to provide a seat belt at all in the back of the ambulance and certainly no duty to see that it was used. In Frome v Butcher ([1976] QB 286) the Court of Appeal had made it clear that in ordinary motor cases the damages to be awarded to a front seat passenger who was not wearing a seat belt, which would otherwise have made his inju-ries less severe, should be

From that case the proposition was derived that in the context of seat belts, an adult passenger of reasonable intelli-gence did not require any warning from the driver to wear a

Such a passenger should know all that he needed to know for himself and he could not blame the driver for not pointing it out to him. To that extent the decision in Pasternack v Poulton ([1973] 1 WLR 476) was overruled.

Frome v Bucher was binding on any court of first instance and had to be followed. But Mrs

sentence of 21 months for offences of which he had been

convicted in June 1988. He was

given parole on December 28,

given parole on December 28, 1983 subject to sections 60 and 62 of the 1967 Act.

On March 1, 1989 the Secretary of State for the Home Department revoked his licence which had the effect of requiring the applicant to be arrested and extremed to prison. That did not

returned to prison. That did not in fact happen until March 21. 1990 when he was returned to

The applicant, who com-plained that he had not been

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informed of the reasons for revocation, did not consult a refusing the application of Derek George Hales for a writ of solicitor concerning his grievance until August or September 1989. Mr Bernard Buckley for the in September the solicitor LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, sent a letter, deserving a careful reply, to the Home Office. The

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year, costs to the taylor £2,500,000 were involved

front of a car.

She would not necessarily have known that seat belts were provided for sedentary pas-sengers or indeed that sitting facing across the side rather than to the front carried a serious risk

front-seat passenger in a car and a back-seat passenger in an ambulance were underlined by believed a warning notice was necessary and that, like other authorities with similar obligations, it encouraged its crews to

In his Lordship's judgment, there was a duty on the defen-dant to take reasonable care for the safety of the plaintiff while she was a passenger in the back

In the context of the accident. that obligation would have been satisfied if Mr Smith had indicated in some way to the plaintiff that she should be using a seat belt or even had he pointed out the warning notice

It had been argued that even if liability was admitted damages should be reduced for contribu-

off was sitting in a chair with seat belts or not she was not alerted to the their use and the

If she had been given a warning and had ignored it her claim would have failed. As it was her claim succeeded in full. Solicitors: Stephenson Harwood: Brachers, Maidstone.

Reasons for prisoner's recall said the applicant was serving a letter was referred to the probation service so that probation reports could be obtained and the probation service referred the matter back to the Home

Office who communicated by

telephone with the solicitor but sent no further letter. What was called for was a letter from the Home Office to the solicitor informing him in terms why the licence had been revoked, the circumstances which were relevant subsequent to the revocation, including the fact that attempts had made to arrest the applicant and a request to the solicitor that he should inform the Home Office of the applicant's where-abouts, which he could have refused, rightly or wrongly, to

It was of significance that a itor's letter setting out in plain terms what had happened and why, could have avoided the subsequent costs and litigation. But what in terms was told or

not told to the solicitor did not enable him to tell his client that there was nothing he could do for him and that he should return to prison and make his representations then. Solicitor: Davies Blunden &

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¬here's an element concert work that is like nothing else," says Jasper Carrott - and he should know, he has been doing it for 15 years. "It's not like a club or like an after-dinner speech, it's a community evening and that is what I provide and that is what I enjoy. It's not even like working in front of a live audience for a television show people who come to see me in concert have paid, they do not have an on-off switch and in an hour and a half I have to get the flow exactly right – the way of moving from one piece to another. I cannot say I am bitingly controversial, but I think people go away pleased." His show this week at the Albert Hall is partly material he is still writing, and partly some old favourites like the "Insomnia" routine or the "1960s revival". As with his recent television work, he is supported by the talented comic duo Punt and Dennis, who open the evening with "A fast-paced 30-minute set that is very funny - they're more of the time than of the day, but they do add in some newsworthy stuff at the top." Albert Hali, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). From Saturday to May 15, 7.30pm. £8.50-£12.50.



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if this were done. Octagon, Howell Croft (0204 20661) Mon-Sat 7.30pm. £3.50-£6. Until May 19 BRIGHTON: Hidden Laughter: Felicity Kendal, Peter Barkworth in Simon Gray's new play about Londoners weekending in the country. Laughter not too hidden, we trust. London-

Theatre Royal (0273 28488). Opens tonight, 7,45pm. Then Mon-Sat 7,45pm Mats Thurs 2.30pm. Set 4pm, £4-£12. Until May 19

HULL: Romeo and Juliet Last week of Hull Truck's production before setting off on tour; with local lad Roland Gift (of Fine Young Cannibals) as Romeo. Spring Street Theatre, Spring Street (0482 23638). Evenings 7.45pm. Wed School Mat 1.45pm. Sat mat 4pm, £4.95-£5.75. Until May 12.

MANCHESTER: Private Times Fortultously timely play by Kevin Fegan in which officers at a newly privatized prison take to the roof to air their grievances.

Library Theatre, St Feler's square (061-236 7110). Preview Thursday 7.30pm. Opens Friday 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm. Met Set 3pm. Preview: £2.75. Then Mon-Fri £5.50, Sat eve £6.50, Set mut £3. Until June 2

MANCHESTER: The School for Scandal: John Nettleton, Deborah Norton in Sheridan's classic; the original sitcom? Opens Thursday, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs

7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm. Mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. £3.20-£13. Until NORTHAMPTON: Is This The Day?: Polly James and David Hargreeves in new drama poort an assisted death

within a devoted merriage; based on Theatre Royal, Guildhell (0604 32533) Opens Thursday, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm. Mat on Sat May 12, 2pm, and Thursdays May 17, 24 at 2.30pm, £2.50-£8.50. Until June 2.

WORTHING: Sarat Cheek by Jowi's new touring production. Shells Gish as a rake's former mistress and Rachel

domestic tragedy. Connaught Theatre, Union Place (0903 35333). Tue to Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm. Mat Wed 2pm. £5-£7, Until May 12

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SENSIBLE FOOTWEAR: Spit It Out, Millfield House Arts Centre, Silver Street, N18 (081-366 2244) British Rail: Thursday and Friday, 7.30pm, £4 (£2.50 concs) plus 25 pence membership. This feminist the has been promoting the interests of women with a revue style mix of illustrative comic sketches. Now they address such topics as cosmetic surgery and the much-teased essertiveness training".

TUTHERS: Upstairs At The Ship, 171 Kennington Rd, SE11. (071-587 1916) Lambeth North/Kennington tubes. Thursday, 8.30pm, £3 (£2 conca) A very bizarre evening on offer here, with music from Sour Grapes and Frankie & Johnny, comedy from Mark Maier and Bob Flag, ranting poetry from Little Dave, performance art from Hinchcliffe . . . and the ten-piece Deptford Corps de Ballet, with a tenminute version of Swan Lake.

CHUCKLE CLUB: The Stag, 15 Bressenden Place, SW1 (071-476 1672). Victoria tube/BR. Friday: Doors 7.45pm, show 8.30pm, £3.50 (£2.50 concs). Martin Scen has carved out his own riche on the cabinet orcuit with a ingular style of contemporary clowning, complete with weird costume, absurd props and ridiculous, visually-appealing antics. Always fun — here sharing the bill with improv team Spontaneous Combustion and host Eugene Cheese.

JONGLEURS: The Cornet, 49 Lavender Gdns, SW11. (081 790 1151). Clapham Junction, BR, Fnday and Saturday: Doors 8pm, show 9pm, £7 (£5 concs). NB: Booking essential. The est bill of the week with a line-up that is all "League Division One": Tim Clark Introduces Kevin Day, Jack Dee, Patrick Marber, Jenny Lecoat and the Two Marks. If you've never been to a ilve cornedy gig, there could be no better introduction then this.

BANANA CABARET: The Bedford, Bedford Hill, SW12 (081-673 8904) Balham tube/BR. Saturday: Doors 7.30pm, show 9pm, £3.50 (£2.50 conce) Banana's director Andy Warring now has two performance spaces in the though with the acts appearing in different running orders. Dashing from

Brand, Jack Dee, Steve Bowditch and the Mike Pinder sextet.

JOKER'S CABARET: Upstars At The Swan, 215 Clapham Rd, SW9 (071-498 6002), Stockwell tube Sunday, Doors 7.30pm, show 8.30pm, £3.50 (£2.50 concs) Jo Brand, Jenny Lecoat and Kate Santon, Mark Maier, Logan Murray and Ivor Dembina.

LIVE AT THE ASTORIA: The Last Laugh, 157 Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (071-434 9592), Tottenham Court Rd, Tube, Monday Doors 6.15pm, show 7.15pm — no late admission, £1 donation to charity. These gigs, televised for BSB, consistently provide a chance to see people otherwise denied to the Brits: the big treat this week is the American star Richard Jeni, whom I saw at the Montreal comedy festival last summer. He is in good company with two inshmen of extraordinary talent: Sean Hughes and Michael Radmond.

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EDINBURGH: The Gold Bier Core At The Gilded Balloon Thautre, 233 Cowgate. (031 225 6364). Friday and Seturday: Doors 8 30pm, show 9.30pm. £4.50 (£3.50 corics). Sponsorship from Tennent's Gold Bier is making possible some cracking good weekends north of the border; this weak local lad Stu Who great chansma behind sinister shedes — has the pleasure of introducing three of the best from England: Bob Mitts, Lee Evans and Spitting Image's Chris Burrie.

LEICESTER: Phoenix Arts Centre, 11 Saturday: Doors 7.30pm, show 8pm. £4 (23 concs). The magnificant Arnold Brown, every now and then, puts himself through the rigours of a solo show . . . I have seen him run on for a good hour and a half, delighting an audience with his reflective, idiosyncratic comedy. An opportunity

NORWICH: Theatre Royal Marque Theaire, Earlham Park, (0603 628205) Wednesday: Doors 7.30pm, show 8pm £7 and £6. The Wandrin' Star UK Tour continues to wend its way - starring Julian Clary, with the much-put-upon Russell Chumey, Jungr and Parker and Hugh Jolly (aka Randolph The Remarkable).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

IMTERIMAL AFFAIRS (18): Richard
Gere and Andy Gence as Los Angeles cops
sucked into a vortex of insecurity and
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9599) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

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ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN (U): about a low-life dog returning from the

dean Odean Leicester Square (071 930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). ALWAYS (PG): Spelberg's plush but paintiess remere of A Guy Nameg with Richard Drayfuss as a deed pool. retuming to earth Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2536)

Preza (071-497 9999) BILL AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (PG): Arreable if wittens cornedy about time-traveling, woolly-headed terragers. Keens Reeves, Alex

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CONEMA PARADISO (PG): Grasoppe Tomatore's nostatigo tale of a small Siglien carema: a hugely appealing malute to Curzona: Mayfair (071-485 8866) West End (071-439 4806).

COLD FIEET (15): Wayward comedy-drama about three party crimeals in Montana, co-written by novelest Tom McGuarre with Tom West, Xeth Cam Saly Kindand, Directed by odd-ball talent Robert Dornhelm ICA Cinema (071-930 3847).

DRIVING MISS DAISY (U): 944 PRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Bened, encerning find Alfred Uhry's play about a refined Southern lead, (Jesseo Tandy) and her black chauffeur (Norgan Freeman). Directed by Bruce Benestord.
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ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY (15): Silver, Anjohos Huston. Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Screen on the HW (071-435 3366).

THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS

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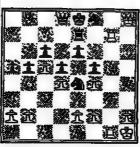
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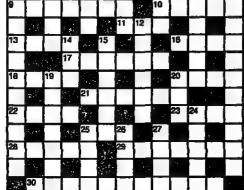
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6.30 BBC Breakfast News presented by
Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando 8.55
Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by

Open Air

9.20 Gloria Live. Gloria Humiford is joined by Richard Leakey who talks about how elephants in Kenya are being monitored by London Zoo; and David Bellamy who introduces a new environmental advice line. There is also an item on the latest edition of Debrett's which includes advice on how lo leave recorded messages on elephones

10.00 News and weather followed by The New Fred and Barney Show

10.25 Children's BBC presented by Simon
Parkin begins with Playdays (r) 10.50
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10.55 Five To Eleven, A celebration of
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sak, a festival of the Enlightenment of the Buddha 11.00 News and weather followed by

Open Air 12-00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. The guests include singer Engelbert Humperdinck 12.55 Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton, Weather 1.30 Neighbours 1.50 Matchpoint 2.15 Film: Leave All Fair (1984) starring John Gielgud and Jane Birkin. An intelligent account of the manipulative relationship between John Middleton Murry and his wife, the New Zealand writer Katherine Mansfield. Directed by John Reid 3.40 Dance of the Weed. Cartoon 3.50 ChuckleVision 4.05 Ovide

4.20 Simon and the Witch. Episode 11 of the 13-part children's serial (r) 4.26 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles

wsround 5.05 The Lowdow Today I Am A Man. Last in an excel series of real life stories told by children follows two 13-year-old boys as they share the same

other a Russian unable to freely practise his religion 5.35 Neighbours (r) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Polis sons and Anne Ford, Westner 5.30 Regional News Magazines 7.00 Style Trial. Helen Atkinson Wood is joined by Beryl Reid, Steve Wright and

cos as they try to get the gist of two more lifestyles. Unpleasant and voyeuristic.
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax)
8.00 Black in Blue: Raw Recruits.

• Desmond Wilcox hosts a nine-part the Metropolitan Police. Everyone

agrees there are too few of them cent of London's population, they make up less than two per cent of the force) and hardly any here made it to the higher ranks. Prejudice still runs strong, both within the police and outside. Wilcox follows nevers recruits through their 20-week training programme and their first experiences on the best. Tonight's one-hour opener is a scene-setter which introduces the septet and provides a general look at the moulding process at Hendon police college (short haircuts, highly polished shoes and definitely no earnings). One of the seven has tried for the police before but quit after 10 weeks. Two are stined to drop out this time. I suspect that the series will yield its best

funtage when these embryo coppiers have the artificial world of Peak College and have to deal with life as it really is. (Castax)



R.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather 9.30 Cassidy. Concluding part of Morris West's political threat sail in Australia and starring Caroline Goodal as a young lawyer with a briefcase of political secrets bequeathed by his

distribution of arbor. 11.15 Film 90 With Barry Norman, Autocue men of the year Berry Normen holds the big screen up to the small screen and talk us what he thinks of new releases. These include Pretty Woman, She Devil and Joh

11.45 D-Day To Berlin, Vivid colour footage shot by the Hollywood director George Stevens (who made Shane and Giant) of the lest months of the Second World War in Europe. It was discovered and assembled after his death by his son, George Stevens Jr.

12.48am Westher

BBC 2

7.10 Open University: Living With Technology — UK Power. Ends at 7.85 9.00 Northern Arts. Profile of artist George Cunningham, who turned his hobby into his living when he was

9.10 Daytime On Two 2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 See Hear! Monthly magazine for the deaf and hard of hearing with sign language and subtitles 2.40 Made By Man. The skill of the thatcher (r) 2.55 Travel Show Traveller. John Thirwell visits St Petersburg

Beach in Florida (r) 3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live, Includes Prime Mmister's Question Time 3.50 News, regional news and weather 4.00 Starsky And Hutch. The quick quip

4.50 Notes in The Mergin. Novelist Philip Norman takes a look at British lifestyles of the past decade 5.30 Gardeners' World from the Floralies

flower show in Ghent (r) 6.00 Film: It's in The Beg (1945, b/w). The owner of a flea circus sells five chairs and then restizes a legacy is hidden in one of them. Full of fun, aithough perhaps too dependent on radio comedy of the age for its laughs. Fred Allen and Jack Benny crack the one liners. Richard Wallace directs

7.25 Bilko (b/w). Vintage fitties American 7.50 Army Lives: Nothing is Forever The excellent series about the family life of soldiers ends in trenchant style with a lock at the upheavels and adjustments involved in the return to civvy street. Using the well-established format of interweeving and contrasting three very different cases, the film suggests that if being in the army is difficult enough for personal relationships, leaving it can almost as disrupting. Bernard, a warment officer first class with the Queen's Regiment, is retiring after 30 years but trying to smooth the break by running the cadet corps of a public school. John, a major, has decided to get out of the army early and emigrate with his Australian w For her it will be a happy homecoming, after leaving her parents to get married. Now she is worried about taking John away from his perents. The third example, and the most pointed, charts the relief in a family

that had been nearly wrecked by the lather's frequent postings 8.30 Top Gear. Cars, old and new. Villiam Woolland and Sue Baker look at classic makes, while Chris Goffey road tests the Subaru Legacy and the

Daihatsu Applause 9.00 Tygo Road. One of the Comic Asides offerings shown on BBC2 a year ago is now promoted to a series and shaping well. It is about a loony left council which hires an inept yuppie to run a comunity centre.

9.30 Hypotheticals: Government Lauks. Tonight's edition on Government leaks tends to range the journalists on one side of the argument and politicians and civil servants on the other, but with enough shades of grey to prevent the scenario becoming predictable. After a preliminary skirmish about the ethics of looking over a minister's papers if he leaves them unattended during a train journey, the main topic is

the imaginati crash of a aeroplane being used by Greenpeace to disrupt a nuclear tent in Nevada. The incident is given greater weight with the suggestion that the Sittish but tried to cover up the facts Professor Charles Nesson from Hervard Law School is a quieter than usual moderator, but still a tenacious one, and a strong team of guinea pigs includes George Younger, Morlyn Rees, Paul Fox and Sir Oliver Wright.



Guinas pig: George Younger, MP (3.30pm)

10.30 Newsnight. In depth current affairs 11.15 The Late Show, Live arts and entertainments in nicely sized pieces

11.55 Weather 12.00 Open University: Silver - A Source Of Power. Ends 12.30am

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6.00 TV-am begins with News followed by Good Microling British presented Bestrice Hollyer and, from 7.00, by Mille Morris and Mays Evers, Includes news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30

and 9.00. After Mine includes an item on the the latest men's lathics 9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show hosted by Torn O'Connor. This week's guests are Birmand Bremaliuw and Cathering Schell 9.55 Thurman Nowe

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . 9 John Stapleton chairs a discussion on a topical matter

18.40 This Morning. Megazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes advice on family finance, better photography and household past control. With

nouserous past control. With news at 10.5 and regional news at 11.55 followed by rational weather 12.10 Rod, Jane & Fraddy. Young children's extertainment 12.30 Nome and Away. Australian drama serial about a couple and their five loster children. 1.00 News at One and weather 1.20

Tharmes nows and weather 1.30 Coronation Street, A repeat of last ight's episode 2.00 A Country Practice. Medical drama sansi sat in a small Australian outback form 2.30 Take the High Road.

Scenic scap set in the Scottish Highlands 3.00 Sounds Like Music. Bobby Crush with another round of the cuiz about stage and screen musicals 3,25 Themes News and weather 3.50 Families, Drama serial and in

England and Australia

4.00 Ord Mr Toad. Aviraged wries characters. Narrated by len Carmichael 4.20 Phoents Hall. Drame. serial set in a state boarding school 4.50 Scooby Doo. Cartoon adventures

E.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for benagers 5.40 News and weather

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5.55 Thames Help, Jackie Spreckley with
news of Camden's Age Concern project
6.00 Home and Away (r)
5.30 Thames News and weather,
Followed by Crimestoppers
7.00 Emmerdale, (Oracle)
7.30 Thames Reports, Includes an
examination of the obstacles preventing
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the visibility of London's City Airport: and a report on the changing social mix at greyhound tracks 8.00 The Bilt: Vicetris. In tonight's episode of the superbly crafted police

beries one of the show's best characters, the tubby, genial DC Lines (Kevin Lloyd) investigates an attack (Kevin Lloyd) investigates an attack on a young woman which is the latest in a series of similar assaults. (Oracle) 8.30 The Upper Hand. Promising new sitcom with Joe McGarm as a former footbaser-turned-housekeeper to an advertising executive (Drana Weston) with a man-eating mother (Honor

Blackman)

9.00 Chancer. Clodhopping big business drama starning Clive Owen as an amoral wheeler-dealer. (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten and weather 10.30

Themas News and weather 10.35 The War Within The military historian Dr Richard Holmes looks back on the last year of the Second World War in Europe and suggests that the Allied victory might have come sooner but for the antegonism between Eisenho

suprame commander, and Montgomery. It was not just the difference about strategy, with like on a broad front and Monty pushing for a single trust under a single ground force commander (preferat himself). It becomes clear from the

memories of veterans from both the American and British sides that Monty had a contempt for like in particular and the Americans in general and would have liked nothing more than to have won the war by himself under the Union Jack. The case against Monty is that he was unable to compromise and work as a member of a ream. Chester Hansen, General Bradley's aide de camp, maintains that Monty was not cut out to be an Allied general 11.35 Film: The Possessed (1977) starring

James Frentino, Joan Hackett and Harrison Ford. A predictable made about an unfrocked priest who is called in to exorcise an exclusive girls'

school. Directed by Jerry Thorpe 1.00am Video View. Video magazine series presented by Manella Frostrup 1.30 Men. Glossy American drama senal. Followed by News headlines
2.30 Donahue. A studio discussion on

men who leave their wives for older 3,30 Quiz Night, Inter pub and club

general knowledge quiz competition. The questionmaster is Ross King. Followed by News headlines
4.00 Emmrtainment UK. Nebonwide quide to what's on and what to do

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape, A striking combination of beautiful landscapes and pascetal music

6.30 The Channel Four Daily. Carol Barnes present regular news updates, weather, travel and Business Daily

12.00 Time To Talk, Lesley Jurkt in conversation with Land St John at Faveley who talks about his Roman Catholicism, and how it has guided him through life

12.30 Business Dally. Financial and business news service presented by Susanonin Simons 1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-achool learning series. Today's special guest is the man with the golden flute — James

2.00 Opinions, Melcolm Turnbull, the defending attorney in the controversial Spycatcher case, discusses his views on freedom of speech and freedom of information, giving an Australian perspective on our "secret

society" (r) 2.30 Channel 4 Racing From Chester. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Grosvenor Maden Stakes (2.45) the Daiham Chester Base (3.15); the Tote Credit Trophy (3.45); and the Manweb Stakes (4.15). The race commentator is Graham Goode Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewa hosts the quick-fire general knowledge

5.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage Western senes starring Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels, here on the trail of a pang of bank robot who shot dead a cashier during a hold-up 5.30 Speedo Fast Water Meet. Seniors Second Semi-Final, Competition between top swimmers from Sweden, Britain and Ireland, over a sprint distance of 50 metres. With

commentary from Suzanne Dando at the Barnet Copthall Stadium in North Landon 6.00 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight: Roots. Anodyne drama about the early years of the King of rock 'n' roll. But at least Michael 5t Gerard tooks tike him and there are plenty of Eivis songs 6.30 The Cosby Show. Lively American

domestic comedy which helped to make Bill Cosby the highest paid entertainer in the United States. Cosby's delivering babies all week. But his own five kids ensure that the last place he can find any peace is inside his own home (r) 7.00 Channel 4 News

7.50 Comment followed by Weather 6.00 Fish People. A charmingly officeat documentary, which was first shown on Christmas Eve, about the fascination shared by five million Britons for pet fish. Narrated in suitably quizzical style by Ray Gosling. (Oracle) 9.00 Out On Tuesday. The final

programme of the gay and lesburn macazine senes features a studio debate about the politice, ethics and etiquette of "coming out". The guests are Los Weaver, Fiona Cooper, Chris Smith (the only "out" MP), John Gill, Linda Bellos, Michaelangelo Signorile and Jackie Stacey in the

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chair is Simon Fanshawe 10.00 Just For Laughs. More humour from programme features Jenny Leccat, Michael Winslow and Jimmy Tingle 10.30 Rock Steady. The music show for "grown-upe", presented by David Fanning and Nicky Home. In a departure from the usual formet of presenting musicians playing live from around the country, tonight's

programme previews the return of Paul Young as he finishes recording his isei alinum 11.30 Road Dreams. More than 20 years ago, Elliott Bristow set off to New York for a fortnight's holiday. He raturned in 1982, after travelling half a million miles across Amenca. This is the third programme in his six-part film diary

of his long trip 12.00 Cycling: The Scottish Provident Pro-League. A new nine race league with a high-speed course around Liverpool's Town Hall and Liver Building Introduced by Phil Leggett and

David Bottin 1.00am Cectia. Episode three of the sizpart Cuban drama set in Havana at the turn of the century about a beautiful girl who is pressured by her family to exploit her tooks to enter the white anstocracy With subtilles (r) Ends at

RADIO 1

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6.35cm Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather and Nowe Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Arnold (Four English Dences: Bournemouth Symphony Orchestre under Charles Grovee); Handel (Three Dences from Alcine: English Baroque Soloists under Camanal); Fixto (Fridouse: City of London

(Eclogue: City of London Sinterestla under Hickox, with Howard Shalley, plane) 7.36 Morrang Concert (cont):
Goldmark (in Italy, Op 48:
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Orchestra under Andres
Korodi); Vivaldi (Concerto in A
minor, RV 108: Michala Petri, recorder, Felix Ayo, Pasquale Pellegrino, violins, Thomas Demengo, cello, Christiane Jeccotot, harpsichord): Chopin (Bercarolle, Op 60: Dinu Lipatti, pieno): Mozart (Symphony No 33 in B, K 319: Vienna Philimmonic Orolletta

8.35 Composers of the Weelc Tcheficovsky — The Final Years, 1888-93. The Queen of Spades, Act 1, excerpts, sung in Russian (Bolisho: Theatre Chorus and Orchestra under Mark Ermler); incidental music: Harriet, Overture, revised Version: March. Prélade, Act 5 riamer, Overture, revised version; Merch, Prelude, Act 5 Sc 1 (London Symphony Orchestra under Geoffrey Simon); Souverir de Florence "Finale" (Borodin String

"Finale" (Borodin String Quartet, with Yuri Bashmet, viole, Natalia Gutman, cello) 9.35 Concertante: In the first of two programmes, City of London Sintonia under Hickox, with Andrew Wattinson, violin, Garfield Jackson, viola, Nicholas Esniel, oboe, Gishum Sheen, bassoon, performs Mozart (Sinfonia concertants in E flat, K 364); Rosenberg

1935)
10.35 Joys and Sorrows: The planist Kathryn Stott performs
Krasier, transc Rachmaninov (Liebesfed; Liebesfed; Faurė (Valse-capnce No 4 in A nat); Philip Canon (Boutades Bourguignonnes; Saudade — first UK performance); Faurė (Ika 11 in Papar

minor) 11.25 BBC Scottish SO in Linz under i BBC Scottisti SU in Linz ususa Geoffrey Trabichott, with Robert Cohen, cello, performs Musgrave (Pempetsia); Tchaikovsky (Rococo Verlations); Dvořák (Silent Woods); Stoems (Sympnony

RADIO 3

1.05 Rechmaninov and Francic Fine Arts Quartet performs Rechmaninov (Quartet

2.05 Chicago SO performs y Chicago SU parroms Sternhammar (Intermezzo: Sánger; Florez och Biarzeflor); Alfvén (Skogen sover); Sibelius (Incidental music: Kuolema; Four Songs: Hostivišti; Var det en drom?; Sáv. sáv. sute; Svarta rosor); Tuhn (Suprebrow M.A. A. la. A. Tubri (Symphony No 4 in A "Sintonia lirica": under Järvi, with Håkan Hagegård,

3.35 John Mills and Cobie Smit play 3.35 John Mais and Cobie Smit play arrangements for two gutars of music by Vilta-Lobos: Francatta et Pia: The extrince de Jesus; A Canos Viron (r) 4.00 For a Later Age: György Pauk, violin, Peter Franki, parro, perform Beethoven (Sonstas: in A, Op 30 No 1; in G, Op 30 No 3) 4.45 Getting to Know Beethoven. A memoir by ignez Moscheles is read by Piers Burton-Page 4.50 Sonata in C stenor. Op 30 No 2 (r) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Brian Kay

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: The American poet

Robert Crackey, in conversation with Eric 7.30 Uster Orchestra under Steuert Bedford performs Britten (Overture, Paul Burtyan): Leszt (Symphonic poem, Hamlet); Arvo Part (Cantus in memory

music, Hamlet)
8.20 Poet of the Month: Now aged
67, Doneld Davie has enjoyed
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F, K 533/494: Ruth Geiger, piano)

9.25 Drama Now: Shadowing the Conqueror, by Peter Jukes. Ellis. a young photographer, lotting Albandor the Great on his last campaign. With Pernry Downie as Ellis, lan Hogg as Alexander and Bruce Myers as Camera (r)

10.35 Drumming at Night: Steve Reich and Musicans perform Reich (Clapping Music, Music for Peces of Wood Drumming, Part 3

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Brussels set to parole Palestinian terrorist

From Michael Binyon, Brussels

vain prison near Brussels has à Palestinian terrorist, serving a life sentence for a grenade attack on Jewish children, thus opening the way for a deal that could set free four Belgians held hostage in

The prison board recommended that Nasser Saeed should be freed immediately, three months before he would qualify for parole after serving 10 years of a life sentence. His release is the main condition of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, a Libyan-backed group headed by Abu Nidal, which is holding the four Belgians.

Last month the Belgian Government sent a letter to Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, agreeing to sign trade agreements with Libya, and allow Nasser Saced to go free after his release from prison. In return, the Libyan leader promised to use his influence to obtain the release of Mr Emmanuel Houtekins, his wife Gondelieve Kets and their two teenage children, who were kidnapped aboard a yacht in the Mediterranean in 1987.

The proposed early release of the Palestinian threatened to split the coalition Government of Mr Wilfried Martens. Mr Louis Tobback, the Interior Minister, took a tough become a sensitive issue here needs." and in Belgian relations with Britain following the expul-sion to Ireland of Father Patrick Ryan, who faced extradition to Britain on ter-

rorism charges. of a grenade attack on an

THE governing board of Lou- killed one child and wounded 15. He said on sentencing he recommended early parole for had no regrets, and would resume guerrilla activities when released. The Louvain prison authorities say he has been a model prisoner.

Their recommendation for early parole has still to be approved by the Antwerp prosecutor, but it is widely expected to lead to a swap. Mr Houtekins is the brother of another kidnap victim, seized off the same yacht with his French girlfriend. They were released last month after the French Government prom-ised aid to Colonel Gadaffi, an action which brought crticism from Britain.

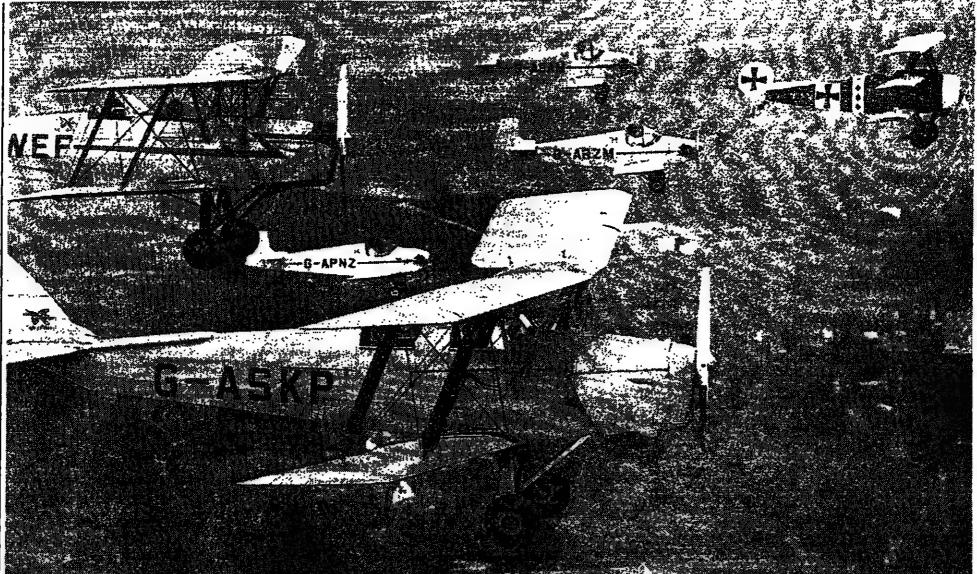
 BEIRUT: Kidnappers holding the Belgians said yesterday that the recommendation for parole was a positive step but not sufficient to secure freedom for their hostages.

Mr Walid Khaled, spokesman in Beirut for the Fatah Revolutionary Council: "We hope this proposal is met with positive response by the Belgian Government by immediately releasing Nasser Saced as a first step to end the Belgian hostage problem."

The Belgian hostages Emmanuel Houtekins, his wife Godelieve Kets and their two teenage children - were aboard a yacht in the Mediterranean when they were seized in 1987.

mine against any deal. Other of the Belgian hostages, ministers, however, have pressed for greater efforts to obtain the family's release. The release of terrories are and or regular medical care an Asked about the condition The release of terrorists has provided with all their daily

The FRC last month freed Houtekins' brother, Fernand, his French lover Jacqueline Valente and their two-year-old daughter Sophie in response to an appeal by Colonel Nasser Saced was convicted Gadaffi. They were abducted from the same yacht in Antwerp synagogue, which 1987.(Reuter)



(foreground), a Stampe and three Turbulents in proud formation once again, now that the world famous Tiger Club has fought off the threat of disbandment after 34 years (Helen

after the famons Second World War biplane trainer, the De Havilland Tiger Moth, came under threat in March when the crew were asked to leave their hangar at Redhill airfield in Surrey after the lease was refused renewal. Johnstone writes). The Tiger Club, named Faced with a legal bill of £43,000, and

disheartened after a failed attempt to reopen another airfield, they almost lost hope. However, over 60 club members, including many from other countries, got together, bought the vintage aircraft and found a suitable replacement at Headcorn Airfield in

Kent. The club now operates two Tiger Moths. including the oldest flying example in the world, and six other vintage aircraft. It has among its members the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and the actor Christopher Reeve.

Call to end leadership speculation

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

SIR Geoffrey Howe yesterday called for an end to specula-tion about Mrs Margaret Thatcher's continuing leadership of the Conservative

In a rebuke to MPs who continue to raise doubts over the Prime Minister's future, Sir Geoffrey spoke of the "turmoil" of last year's leadership challenge and said the manner in which "the leader-

Commons, said the majority of the Conservative parliamentary party was determined to set the issue to one side. His remarks came as Mr

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, said confusion and infighting in the Tory ranks over the leadership ship issue gets stirred up in gave Labour a golden oppor-this way does no good at all". tunity. Conceding that the Mr

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's Labour Party still had work to entry later this week into the Today programme, Sir Geofdo in getting its policies community charge debate is
frey, the deputy prime minister and leader of the
Commons, said the majority out its alternative stall.

do in getting its policies community charge debate is
causing intense interest
among MPs. He is expected to
call for important changes to out its alternative stall.

As MPs return to Westminster today after the Bank abolition. holiday break, the implications of last week's local government election results, and the differing interpretations among Conservatives, seem certain to dominate

Mr Michael Heseltine's re-

Police chief calls for football veto Continued from page 1 change the date. They refused

to do this." Mr Arthur Sandford, chief executive of the Football League, rejected the allegation of arrogance or complacency.

He is expected to propose ways in which average poli tax bills could be reduced by He said: "The Bournemouth police made a request last June when the fixtures were relating it more to people's ability to pay. being put together. Viewed as Diary, page 14 of last June, this was not Leading article, page 15 considered a more difficult

the poll tax, though not for its

match than a number of others that were being played. "It is right that the Bournemouth police came back to us

about a fortnight before the match - when it became clear it was a promotion-relegation battle - and voiced their concern. Despite that, the decision was taken that this match, on the last day of the season, when you are going to get games involving promotion and relegation, should take place.

"The Chief Constable wrote to us on April 23 and we received the letter on April 25 in which he repeated his concern, setting it out in some detail. Nevertheless, he did say in this letter he was well prepared to make the necessary arrangements to police this match.

"We are not complacent. We will be reviewing arrangements for matches particularly on the last day of the season. The Home Office reacted with caution to Mr Weight's call. A spokesman said, however, that it was sensible for football authorities to take account of police advice.

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Prince brings royal approval to free land of his ancestor

From Alan Hamilton, Budapest

THE Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in Budapest yesterday to begin a four-day official visit to Hungary, the first by any member of the Royal Family to a Warsaw to the land of his great great great grandmother, Claudina, Countess Rhedy. She was an ancestor of Queen Mary, and a Hungarian aristocrat buried in what is now Rumanian Transylvania. The Prince recalled her last year during a speech condemning the late

President Ceausescu's programme of demolishing Romanian villages.

Unusually for a travelling show dedicated to precision timing, the BAe 146 aircraft of the Queen's Flight landed at Budapest 45 minutes late after it developed a from Heathrow with the Princess on board, forcing it to make an unscheduled landing at Gatwick. It subsequently called at Ancona in Eastern Italy to collect the Prince, who had been opening an exhibition of his own paintings and sketches in Raphael's birthplace of

Urbino. The Royal couple were greeted by Dr Arpad Goncz, who emerged from obscurity in the wake of the first democratic elections since 1945 to be nominated as President only last Wednesday.

Small signs of Hungary's new arrival ceremony. As the band played God Bless Hungarians, the old 19th-century national anthem, Mrs Zsuzsa Goncz, the President's wife, wept openly. As Prince and President walked the red carpet to inspect the guard of honour, the band struck up a familiar Austro-

If the Prince was looking closely, he would have seen that the Hungarian army uniforms, although still looking decidedly Russian, had lost the Red Star on their cap badge, now replaced by a small circle showing the national colours of red, white, and green.

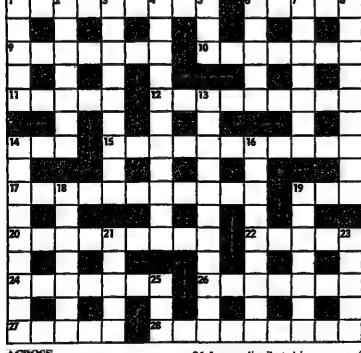
Riding in his own Bentley brought over as an advertisement for British manufacturing, the Prince went to Heroes Square in Budapest, which commemorates national figures from long before the communist interlude, and laid a wreath at the base of a 100-foot column surmounted by a statue of the Archangel Gabriel holding the

Later, at the magnificently Oothic Hungarian Parliament building on the Danube, which has also had the huge Red Star removed from its dome, the Prince met Mr Miklos Nemeth, the caretaker prime minister and a member of the reforming communist regime which has been voted out of power and Dr Jozsef Antall, who is about to take over as head of a

coalition after the victory of the Hungarian Democratic Forum in last month's elections. Both the Princess Royal and the

Duke of Edinburgh have made private visits to Hungary in the past in connection with their strian and Mrs Thatcher visited the country in 1984. This first official visit, made in response to an invitation from the outgoing described by Mr John Birch, the British Ambassador in Budapest, as "a political visit with a clear political message."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,288



- 1 Stroke or a comma, maybe (9).
- 6 Source of oils for painter follow ing Constable, perhaps (5).
- 9 About to join expedition north? That's correct (7). 10 Wine stain, sad to say, returns
- 11 Relative beginners in navigation
- inducing extensive compass errors (5).
- 12 Capital better advanced (9).
- 14 Retiring cast? (3). 15 Indicator of distance, but not as rigid rule (4-7).
- 17 Eastern runner in dark suit and ight shoes (11).
- 19 Took turn by junction (3).
- 20 Worker in firm put in charge expresses amazement (9). 22 Lists and turns over (5).
- 24 Why, say, boy with Fre friend sent back pictures (7).
- Solution to Puzzle No 18,287
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- 26 Letters distributed in support of Board (7). 27 Note about magnesium silicate's effect (5).
- 28 Postpone consideration of the sign of the Crab? (4-5).
- 1 Foodstuff successfully brought home (5).
- 2 For example, Othello's attempt to trap Ancient (7).
- 3 Appealed to doctor in dire need 4 A digital recording? (11).
- 5 Plant eaten by many Americans
- 6 Pass round article read initially to provide notes (5). 7 Table helping served on gold (7).
- 8 Centaurs in centrally-heated accommodation (9).
- 13 Byzantine consented to retaining disastrous Act (11). 14 Extent of usefulness on board (5-
- 16 Able to imbibe in bar on best cocktail (9).
- 18 Duck or grouse it needs plain cooking (7). 19 Pygmalion made her a celebra-
- tion meal (7). 21 Army rising securing intelligence from emissary (5).
- 23 Second kiss of little substance 25 Approval given to son support-

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WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard STADDLE a. A butterfly collar stud b. To heaitate c. Support for a hay stack NJEPI a. A Japanese glove puppet
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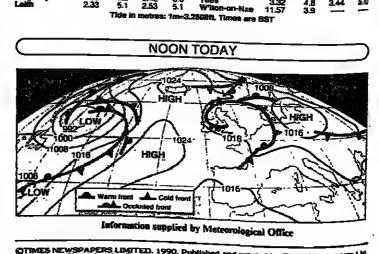
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Executive Editor David Brewerton CHANGE ON WEEK

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European firms back a single currency'

By Colin Narborough **Economics Correspondent**

A MAJORITY of Europe's leading companies want a single European currency rather than a common unit which would operate alongside national currencies.

This is understood to be one of the key findings in a survey conducted by Ernst & Young, the business services group, which has been made available to the European Commission ahead of publication later this month. It forms pert of a detailed report produced jointly with the National Institute of Economic and Social Research:

The Commission has put the cost to business of foreign exchange transactions at ECU 15 billion. Companies believe a single currency would produce still greater savings and benefits.

A single currency would replace existing national currencies and remove the need to hedge against foreign exchange fluctuation.

Though the ECU has gained widespread acceptance in financial markets, it has limited commercial use.

Big businesses' backing for a single currency contrasts sharply with the Government's resistance to the concept of a single currency.

Mr Malcolm Levitt, senior partner at Ernst and Young, anticipates that the study could have considerable impact on current thinking about EMU. It not only charts the views of leading companies, but puts forward a strategy and timetable for developing a single currency.

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TUESDAY MAY 8 1990 Inflation to fall early next year, says Major

From Rodney Lord Economics Editor, Washington

THE Chancellor, Mr John Major, told the International Monetary Fund that the process of reining back excessive demand and bringing down inflation in Britain was "well under way." Speaking to the interim committee of the Fund in Washington, he said there should be a distinct fall in inflation by the beginning of next year and that there might then be scope for lower

The main item on the IMFs agenda is to agree the long-delayed increase in national quotas (subscriptions). The way forward has been opened by an agreement among the Group of Seven leading industrial countries to let West Germany and Japan share second place in the Fund, and Britain

and France fourth. Reviewing Britain's economic progress, Mr Major said that after the rapid economic expansion of recent years, it was necessary to have a period of slow growth. Bringing down inflation looked like taking longer and being more difficult than the Government had hoped.

The level of pay settlements, which was running at about 2 per cent above last year's rate, was disappointing and would tend to weaken job prospects. But in spite of last month's poor figures, the trade balance was improving.

Mr Major said the increase in inflation was remarkable for having occurred during a period of tight fiscal policy and generally tight monetary policy. Part of the explanation was the interaction of financial deregulation with several successive years

of growth in incomes. One of the priorities was to increase the level of savings worldwide. Britain had made a contribution with the measures in the Budget.

With the average rate of inflation among G7 countries at about 5 per cent, continued vigilance on prices was necessary. Capital calls from East Europe and elsewhere made it unwise to encourage lower savings in the countries in balance of payments surplus such as West Germany and Japan.

In a communiqué issued late on Sunday, the G7 indicated that the yen was still too low. While noting that the Japanese currency had stabilized since last month's G7 meeting in Paris, they "remained of the view that the present level may have undesirable consequences for the global adjustment process."

• The communiqué buoyed the yen in

Tokyo yesterday (writes Joe Joseph), but the Japanese currency benefited even more from the news on Friday that US employment grew more slowly than expected last month.

That indicated that the US economy is not as strong as many analysts had calculated, giving the US Federal Reserve little reason to tighten monetary policy and thereby strengthen the dollar against the

Meanwhile, share prices in Tokyo climbed nearly 800 points yesterday, reinforcing the optimism among Japanese investors that the worst may be over for both the stock market and the shrinking

The Nikkei index, which gained 483.81 points last Wednesday before the market closed for national holidays, jumped another 782.63 points to 30,956.27 Analysts said confidence is seeping back into Tokyo dealing rooms and fears that the dollar would sail well past the 160-yen level are receding, lessening the threat of another painful rise in Japanese interest rates. They added that technical indicators also suggest the stock market is emerging from its slump.

Hiccups in this week's US Treasury auction could unsettle currency markets and choke off the recovery in Tokyo's stock market. But the dwindling prospect of a rise in US interest rates has revived Japanese investors' appetite for the

Indications are that the Japanese will probably buy about 30 per cent of the \$30.5 billion US bond sale, more or less in line with their usual buying patterns.

Late payment by Russia worries firms

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

panies are complaining that export trade with the Soviet Union is becoming increasingly disrupted by late and irregular payments.

A rapid deterioration since the end of the year is causing concern at ministerial level in West Germany, whose trade with Eastern Europe dwarfs that of other European coun-

There are fears that Soviet trade with the West, which has been growing rapidly, may stagnate this year because of administrative problems and shortage of "hard" currency. Until last autumn, the So-

exemplary debtor and settled at the beginning of this year. A spokesman for BASF, the West German chemical company whose trade with the Soviet Union amounted to DMI billion last year, said: Since the end of last year we have had problems with the Soviet Union. Since the beginning of January, these prob-lems have worsened rapidly." BASF imports crude oil from

value-added chemicals. Hoechst in Frankfurt, the world's largest chemical supplier to the Soviet Union, experiences similar difficulties. A spokesman said: "We look with some apprehension

the USSR and sells back

last weeks we have noticed that payments come in rather irregularly and infrequently."

There is growing concern at the Bonn economics ministry over the situation. It is estimated that these problems could result in a stagnation of trade with the USSR this year, as West German companies become increasingly cautious. In previous years, German-Soviet trade increased by about 20 per cent annually.

West German companies have been hit particularly hard because of their large exposure to Soviet trade. In the UK, however, the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) and the Departviet Union was regarded as an ment of Trade and Industry said that there was no cause bills promptly. However, the for alarm yet, although there situation began to deteriorate were reports of similar incidents on a smaller scale.

The difference is partly explained by Britain's lacklustre trade efforts with the USSR. Anglo-Soviet trade amounted to £682 million last year, compared with West Germany's DM11.5 billion (£4.2 billion).

Although the large chemical companies have suffered more than most, payment delays are even more serious for small and medium sized companies. One Hamburg trading company may soon be forced into liquidation because of delayed payment. Another small company is owed DM500,000 from Lithuania and Heine-

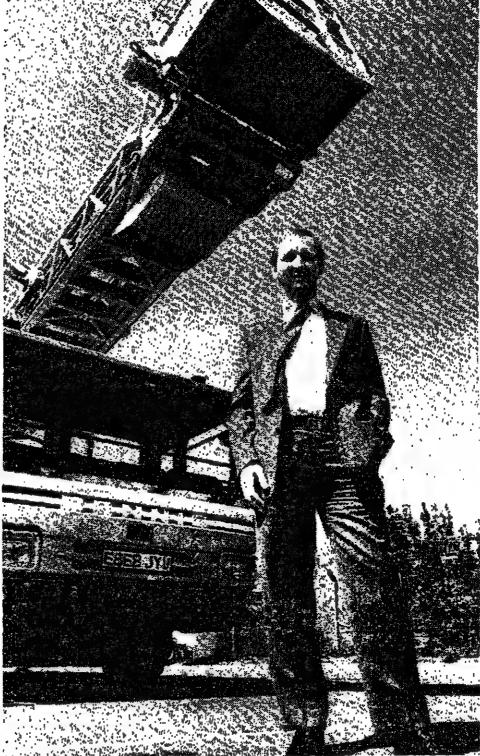
LEADING Western com- at the situation. During the mann Maschinen-und Anlagenbau, a medium-large Southern German machinery producer, has been owed more than DM14 million for a year. The company's bank, Deutsche Bank, has cut vital credit

lines as a result.
According to Herr Stephan Jaschek, a Hamburg manage ment consultant specializing in East-West trade, these cases exemplify some of the problems of perestroika

"In the day's before perestroika, there used to be 60 export trade companies in the Soviet Union. As a result of deregulation, this has increased to between 5,000 and 6,000 firms. It is principally an organizational problem. According to a senior West German banker, the problems could be much more serious. 'We fear that the Soviet shortage of foreign rencies," he said.

The USSR has been hit by a fall in world market prices of natural gas and crude oil and other natural resources, which amount to about three-quarters of its exports. Although the USSR owns large amounts of gold and platinum, which could be turned into hard currency, it is more likely that the Soviet government might seek a bridging loan to cover the shortfall until its own exports, particularly of valueadded products, are picking

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High hopes: Stephen Burton of Dennis Vehicles beneath a fire engine ladder

Dennis is winning the drive for sales

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

WHILE many commercial vehicle makers are facing tough times, with truck sales down by a quarter or more, Dennis Specialist Vehicles, of Guildford Surrey, - best known for the fire engines it has been been making since 1908 — is increasing production capac-ity by a half, and spending £10 million on a new factory.

Dennis Vehicles and two sister companies - one of them, Dennis Eagle, special-izes in making refuse vehicles — came out of the then miniconglomerate Hestair in a management buy-out in January last year. One of the three managers which led the buyout - via the umbrella company Trinity Holdings — was Mr Stephen Burton, managing director of Dennis Vehicles. Dennis Vehicles builds coaches and buses as well as

fire engines, exporting a third of production. Dennis goes back to 1895 when it was producing bicycles.

Mr Burton said: "Where we have scored is in producing vehicles which are tailor-made for the needs of niche markets where the big volume producers have merely tried to adapt more general vehicles."

Dennis sells 350 fire engine a year and claims 16 per cent of the £108 million annual coach market. Last year it added a "new breed" of bus. the Dart midi-hus.carrying about 40 passengers, and Mr Burton reckons Dennis is tapping a market for about 600 such vehicles a year.

Trinity last time had an £80 million turnover and trading profits of £4 million. With vehicle volumes up, both figures are expected to drive further ahead this year.

Bid-target Dixons predicts profits higher than forecast

By Martin Waller

back on full bid alert, has of the restructuring required and "significant increases" in bolstered its defence with to reposition the UK retail gross margins. "Even a small bolstered its defence with news that it will beat its earlier business and increase its improvement in sales will profits forecast for the year to In January, shortly before

from Kingfisher lapsed after a reference to the Monopolies Commission, Dixons forecast at least £70 million pre-tax for the year, earnings per share of not less than 11p and a 5.6p With the MMC report now

with the Trade Secretary, Mr Nicholas Ridley, and a decision expected soon, the Dixons chairman has told its shareholders that it had outperformed that forecast despite the tough retail

"Our strategy is working," million reported last time.

EUROPEAN Leisure's controversial bid

for Midsummer Leisure has taken

With only days to go before the final

deadline, Midsummer's belated attempt

to extricate itself from the merger

conceived by its own chairman has been

slammed by one of its former directors.

Page, the chairman of Midsummer, last

August to run the group's breweries, but

who resigned in March over what he

describes as "bizarre management pro-

cesses," is urging investors to accept the

European offer. Midsummer reached

agreement on merger terms last month.

but pulled out when leisure share prices

in general, and European's in particular,

slid on the stock market. However, by

then, the directors' 15.1 per cent holdings

Yesterday, Mr Hart claimed that Midsummer "has been blindly led by a

mercurial chairman and other directors

have been unable to stop the company's

were irrevocably locked in.

Mr Ron Hart, brought in by Mr Adam

another dramatic twist.

DIXONS Group, the electrical retailer which is now have already completed much have already completed much efficiency."

Opinion is split in the City on whether Kingfisher, the are confident that the actions the £568 million hostile offer combine that owns the Woolchains, will be allowed to environment." return to the attack. But Dixons has moved to stiffen new and higher offer, promising an updated profits forecast if one emerges, while attacking its comments on the letter. "I Comet's record.

forward the formal announcement of its results, due in July, if the battle breaks out again.

The shareholders' letter highlights better efficiency result in a dramatic increase in profits." said Mr Kalms. "We we are taking would enable us worth and Comet retail to progress even in a flat sales

Kingfisher's first shot at Dixons was pitched at 120p, shareholders' resistance to any the price at which the shares closed on Friday.

was surprised they felt it Dixons is expected to bring necessary to write to shareholders at this stage, in advance of any decision by the Secretary of State, and cer-Analysts now expect pre-tax tainly in advance of any profits of approaching £78 decision taken by ourselves," million, just short of £78.4 said Mr Nigel Whittaker, cor-

Economic pessimism by directors

By Our City Staff

tors are increasingly pessimistic about the state of the economy, although they remain confident about the. prospects for their own businesses, according to a Business Opinion Survey from the Institute of Directors.

The IoD says 64 per cent of its directors responding to the survey are less optimistic about the economy than they were six months ago. Only 15 per cent are more optimistic. However, 52 per cent of

directors are more optimistic about their own companies' prospects. Almost half reported rising profits, and 79

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Hart of the Midsummer matter

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

decline. Midsummer has lost its way entirely. I believe the board is boxed in and will struggle now to maintain profits or make disposals." he said, adding that "the current climate for highly-geared leisure companies makes European's

offer additionally attractive." Mr Hart, aged 50, was invited to join Midsummer by Mr Page, "a close friend of 12 or 13 years," after Brent Walker Inns, where he was managing director, moved to Hartlepool last summer. He claims to have been responsible for a "significant improvement" in the brewing division's trading. While he claimed to remain "on the best of terms with the Walkers," his relationship with Mr Page was "probably best described as 'nonexistent at present, although our wives, both German, remain very close." Of the

shareholders and former colleagues to make my own position absolutely clear." However, Mr Paul Reece, who takes over as chief executive/of Midsummer

bid. Mr Hart said he had a "duty to

hear that an ex-director who was with us for such a short space of time could make a statement like this. Frankly, he was a disappointment to us, failing to live up to expectations."

benefit of our interim results."

Iom on Friday.

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"Despite doubts, the grassroots voice of business is positive." Mr Peter Morgan, director general of the loD, said.

Mr Michael Ward, the chairman of European Leisure, remained critical of Midsummer's failure to produce a profits estimate for the year ended March. Mr Reece, who plans to publish Midsummer interim results on May 17. said: "Had European not foreshortened

when Mr Page steps down on Friday afternoon - provided that the bid lapses - said last night: "I can only question Mr Hart's motives. I am very surprised to

its deadline, they would have had the

European had 34.33 per cent of the Midsummer equity last week, including the 19.8 per cent irrevocably accepted by the board and others. The bid expires at

per cent thought their companies were doing well.

Foreign

By Neil Bennett Banking Correspondent

TARGET Life may become the latest asset manager to fall into Continental hands, after being put up for sale by the TSB Group last week.

Hill Samuel, the merchant bank handling Target's sale. says it has contacted about 20 potential buyers and some of them are thought to be from mainland Europe.

French and German banks have led the sudden rush from the Continent to buy a place in one of the City's most lucrative industries. Last week Crédit Commercial de France became the latest European bank to succeed by agreeing to buy a 25 per cent stake in Framlington, the fund manager owned by Throgmorton Trust, for £18.75 million, with an option to increase this to 51 per cent.

Previously, Gartmore was sold by British & Commonwealth to Banque Indosuez, while Societé Générale acquired Touche Remnant for £50 million last year. Bank in Liechtenstein paid £91 million for GT Management, with funds of £3.3 billion.

Morgan Grenfell's asset management operation was a major reason for Deutsche Bank's £950 million bid last December, which created a combined fund of £33 billion. Asset management has always been an attractive busi-

ness for bankers, due to the relatively regular, dependable fees it produces. Apart from the large whole-

sale funds, investors tend to be conservative and are unwilling to switch companies. Profits from most other banking businesses can fluctuate

At the same time, many industrial companies in Europe which previously managed their own pension funds are beginning to look at ways they can hive the business off to professional managers. Banks such as Deutsche and Indosuez want to be able to sign up their corporate clients for the new service.

European bankers concede that London is the European centre for investment management, and are prepared to pay high prices for the expertise of City managers and the profit stream from their existing

This round of initial acquisitions could develop into a series of rationalizations. ·CCF, for example, has noted the economies of scale in managing large funds and could be prepared for further acquisitions to increase the

buyers set sights on Target Little to inspire shareholders of Midsummer as decision day nears

MIDSUMMER Leisure investors have until Friday to decide whether to do as their board has done, and accept European Leisure's bid, or do as it says, and reject it.

The choice is not an inspiring one, and no less difficult

Either shareholders accept, and swap their shares for European paper, whose flimsiness was the reason for their board's late change of mind, or they continue to back the debt-laden Midsummer, and its volatile board.

It should not have come as too much of a surprise when Midsummer chief Mr Adam Page withdrew his support for the merger. His company's history is littered with a succession of failures to get to

Talks with Lincolnshire brewer George Bateman were broken off, the company emerged with a substantial loss from its misjudged attempt to acquire the Boddingtons brewing group and last year the company flirted with Leisure Investments, now in the hands of administrators.

More than 14.5 per cent had opted for change by the first closing date, swelling support for European, chaired by Michael Ward, to 34.33 per cent And now a former director is urging acceptance. Yet the market continues to bet on a failure. Midsummer's

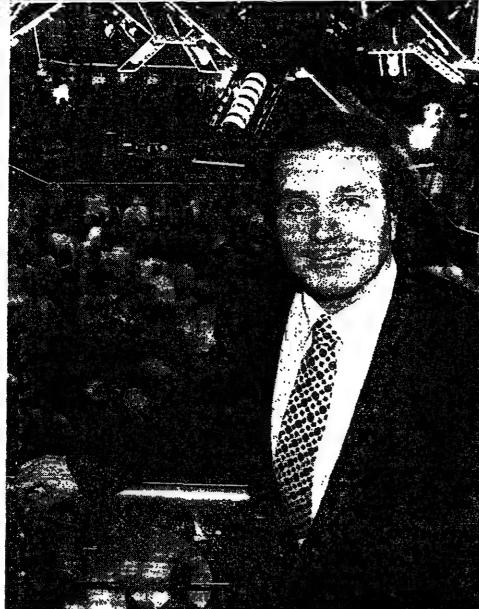
share price - at 120p a good 20p below the bid valuation argues that a European victory will lead to a further fall in the European price. It would after all see its

gearing soar from nil to about 60 per cent overnight, al-though the talks that took place while the two groups were still friends identified some early disposals. Alone, Midsummer faces

the same problems, and shareholders would do well to remember that its directors forecast a gearing level of 60 per cent at the end of Septem-ber, 1988 would fall in the ensuring year, only for it to top 100 per cent.

Henderson Crosthwaite analvs: Paul Heath reckons Midsummer's balance sheet is not strong enough to reinvest for longer-term growth. He, and others, believe in the logic of a merger. Together they could make £23 million pre-tax next year, although earnings growth would be restricted by the share issue to perhaps 8 cent at y.40. Si 6.7 p/e multiple at the 63p share price. The sector average suggests a price of 85p.

On balance, Midsummer



Growing support: Michael Ward's European Leisure has 34.33% of Midsummer

holders should accept, but should question the wisdom of investing in this sector at all

Europa

RECENT results from Europa Minerals go to show that investors can read rewards even if only a penny - from junior mining companies this side of heaven.

Europa has declared a maiden dividend of lp a share out of net earnings of 5.3p a share earned in the year ended January 31, and though the year's net attributable profit of £2.41 million was largely helped by £4.97 million from pa's dividend policy is not going to be "go-stop."

The company, set up in 1984, largely by former RTZ that hope to be realized

staff, made its market debut in Europa was capitalized at February 1989, after a placing £10.4 million in November,

at 1000 a share. Europa's initial interests market capitalization of £35.4 million at 58p a share. were British and Australian

coal operations, plus stakes in old-mining operations in North America. Towards the end of 1989. Europa expanded through the acquisition of TR Energy, the oil and gas investment company, and also in 1989 ac-

quired a 41.8 per cent stake in

Burmine, the Australian gold mining company currently producing at the rate of 35,000 ounces of gold a year. Mr David Hood, chairman, said his hope was that Europa would have a market cap-

million within three years. He may find himself waiting for a good three years for

and after a midweek fall has a

However, Europa at least remains ambitious, and, as Mr Hood said, if 1989 was the group's year for Australia, then 1990 should be the year

of North America. Europa is also on the lookout in continential Europe for mining opportunities, with Spain a favoured territory, and has gross cash holdings of £3.6 million at balance sheet date, plus the ability to call on more internal funds when the

toric rating of 11.3, which about small companies in general and airlines in particular. profit bones.

Shareholders will receive

their penny from heaven on July 20. If things go well they

pennies a year from now. Channel

Express

LAST week was not a good one for small airlines. Davies & Newman announced a £13 million downturn into loss in 1989, due to problems with its Dan-Air subsidiary, two days after the collapse of German Wings, the German indepen-

Coming after the closure of three British carriers since the summer - Paramount Airways, British Island Airways and Novair - it is scarcely surprising that shares in another small airline, Channel Express, ended the week on a 12-month 89p low.

Channel Express was set up in the 1970s to fly flower crops from the Channel Islands to mainland markets, but since Mr Philip Meeson, the chairman and principal shareholder, took over seven years ago. the company has branched out into flying parcels for cus-tomers such as the Post Office, Federal Express and UPS.

This concentration on specialized freight operations has insulated Channel Express from problems elsewhere in

Limited further growth is possible in the Channel Island flower business because of its' dominating market share. But the overnight parcels market

is growing 40 per cent a year. In 1988-89, when Channel Express floated on the USM, Mr Meeson doubled the airline's fleet from four to eight Dart Herald aircraft to cope with expanding opportunities on the percels side

Even though these aircraft have 15 years' life left in them, they cost only £500,000 each and the company ended the year with net cash.

In November, Mr Meeson bought his first Lockheed Electra aircraft, which has three times the capacity of the Herald, but costs just \$2 million.

That suggests a degree of confidence, also reflected in brokers' forecasts of profits of £1.35 million and earnings per share of 7.7p for the year to March, 1990, due to be announced next month.

On a prospective p/e ratio Last year's net earnings of of 12, the shares are attractive

Edited by John Bell

GILT-EDGED

Why bond price rally may follow economic slump

he gilt market's pre-sent malaise is by no means unique. The first few months of 1990 contain all the hallmarks of a

typical bear market. Good news of any nature will do little more than halt the inexorable fall in prices.

Bad news, however slight, will drive the market to ever lower levels and at some stage all eventualities will be more than fully discounted. Logically, trends in prices

tend to follow the business cycle. The initial stages of a downturn will be accompanied by a faltering in the market's positive progress. At this stage, inflation is

normally rising and factors such as credit growth are expanding at a rapid pace. Nevertheless, market participants maintain the be-

lief that the economy's ills are only temporary. Thus bond prices remain "sticky," falling only modestly.

As the business cycle moves to a more depressed state, bearish sentiment intensifies. The trade deficit fails to respond quickly to the new circumstances. Inflation continues its stubbornly strong upward path and the problems with respect to the underlying pressures on costs

become more evident. Similarly, credit demand strengthens as the corporate sector adjusts to changing economic conditions. Naturally, the despondency of the

market increases. There are two examples of this pattern of behaviour in the last decade alone. Both 1980-81 and 1985-86

bear a resemblance, being periods of economic downturn followed by an unambiguous period of bullishness, in which the steeper the fall in economic activity the stronger the subsequent rally

in bond prices. So when is sentiment likely to improve? We have seen that the initial stages of a growth downturn tend to be accompanied by the most disappointing performance of the market.

Only when investors are convinced the economy is falling sufficiently fast to ensure an improvement in factors such as the balance of navments and underlying inflationary pressures, can they be sure things will improve.

Even then there will be nomic variables will still be sending confusing signals. Nevertheless, confidence will return, gradually. But it is

only when the growth rate begins to strengthen that the best performance is seen, The rallies of 1982, 1987. and indeed 1977, conform

very broadly to this pattern We are now in phase two, the most bearish time when virtually all news is consid-

ered adverse. The question is, how long is it likely to continue? Few doubt that the rate of economic activity has slowed, but as yet there remains the possibility that the downturn will not be sufficient to ensure inflation pressures subside dra-

matically. Phase three may, in these circumstances, not be far off, perhaps in the third quarter of this year, but this is a time when the market is still not sure the improvement is tak-

ing place.

Many economic variables are still presenting danger signals, underlying costs are rising, inflation remains

stubbornly high and credit growth continues anace. The lag involved in reporting the statistics means the market will not be convinced

the corner has been turned until near the end of this year or perhaps early 1991. It would appear that a long-awaited improvement in sentiment is likely to

happen later rather than sooner, probably in the final stages of the calendar year. The fall in prices thus far

has been steep and, by past standards, this would su the subsequent rally will be strong. But, as in all cases in the past, no two periods are precisely the same. here are reasons to

believe that a market upturn in 1990-91 will be one of modest intensity. Unlike 1977 and 1982, when the public sector's financial position was improving dramatically, 1991 is likely to be the year when the authorities are obliged to re-enter the gilt-edged market to sell debt. Add to this the likelihood

that doubts about the Government's long-term existence will persist, even though the opinion polls will probably show its popularity improving, and it would be difficult to conclude that those expecting a performance from long-dated gilts on the lines of that seen in 1982 — up 54 per cent on the

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Big hopes for little companies large companies being on mance of the County NatWest undeserved multiples, where-

SCOTTISH Amicable Investment Managers, one of Britain's leading fund managers, said it intends to commit the bulk of its new cash to British investments in 1990, and has a particular interest in smaller

Mr Graeme Knox, managing director of SAIM, said "On fundamental considerations we prefer domestic markets - particularly equities and property, and we expect them to do better than their overseas equivalents in 1990.

Mr Knox added: "We particularly like smaller com-panies, which, having significantly and undeservedly underperformed the market during the last year, deserve a re-rating. While the going may be rough for some months ahead, with patchy profits performance in evidence, we believe that the worst of the



Knox: "right time to buy" over and that smaller companies will prove to be very rewarding. Now is the time to

be buying them. The company, which has more than £8 billion under management, is known for its counter-cyclical investment

big companies are seeing quieter corporate activity. Megabids have resulted in some

Mr Knox said: "Some of the

as a lot of smaller companies are at a discount,"

But smaller company specialists suggest that the sector may not begin to regain lost ground for some months. Miss Michèle Delmain, at

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said small companies have been underperforming over the last year. "Outperformance will probably not come until the back end of this year, following the recent batch of poor results and profit warnings, which have affected shares across the board.

The key is to look for wellmanaged companies which will not only survive during the difficult times, but will be able to outperform competitors when the market turns,

Miss Delmain said. Mr Mark Paddon, an analyst on the smaller companies' team at County NatWest, said the perfor- about 6.9 per cent.

Smaller Company Index (CSCI) is in line with the main market and the FTA All Share Mr Paddon said: "We do

not expect to see smaller companies outperform until we see an upturn in the UK economy and an improvement in interest rates. However, smaller com-

panies were seen as a good

investment over the longer term - over three to five Mr Paddon emphasized that quality remains of prime importance. He said that there are some good businesses,

with good management and strong balance sheets. However. Mr Paddon said that none of County's 31 small company sectors showed a gain in capital value during April. He said the All Share fell by about 6.4 per cent in

April, while the CSCI fell by

Job figures pose Fed dilemma

US NOTEBOOK

numbers for April have thrown Federal Reserve policy back into the melting pot on the eve of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting

The numbers are a remarkable vindication of the stand taken by Miss Martha Seger, the Fed governor who has been outspoken in opposition to the tightening move that has recently gathered such influential supporters as Mr Manuel Johnson, vice-chair-man of the Fed, Mr Wayne Angell, Mr Edward W Kelley Jr and Mr Robert T Parry, president of the San Francisco

The total rise in payroll employment for March and April (including 78,000 census workers hired in April) was only 167,000. This compares with a rise of 734,000 in the previous two months.

To a degree, the decline in employment growth has justified a very rapid rise in the monetary base (banks' reserves plus currency) that has taken place since last

tory employment has continued to fall. Between last December and April, it has fallen another 89,000 to 19,400,000 — a level not seen since June 1988.

While the monthly payroll employment numbers fluctuate a lot, a confirmation of the weakening trend in the labour market came from two The unemployment rate

rose to 5.4 per cent in April, the highest rate since August 1988, and the latest Con-ference Board survey of consumer confidence published on Thursday last week stated: "Although the nation's unemployment rate has remained unchanged for some months at slightly more than 5 per cent, the number of new iobs in March dropped."

That decline, the Con-ference Board said, "probably contributed to much of the uneasiness found in the con-fidence survey." The April survey showed that consumer Despite the recent reports of confidence fell, and also found higher durable goods orders a drop in plans by consumers

of Purchasing Managers, fac- with the weakness in newspaper advertising of "help

Newspaper advertising volume is exceedingly weak across all types of advertisements - retailing, national and classified. Magazine advertising volume is poor and many magazines will have to fold.

One of the weakest areas of newspaper advertising is classifieds - a grass roots pointer to what is happening. At the most basic level of the nation's business there is widespread weakness, indicated by the sharp decline in the two great areas of classified ads - retail and help wanted. The March and April payroll employment numbers give some official confirmation to this view, which has been in the minority of Wall Street thinking to

As US Treasury bonds railied on Friday, falling well intriguing possibility arose that the worldwide collapse of bonds could be ending. During April and early May there and more optimistic surveys to buy new cars and homes. have been indications that the from the National Association These survey results tie in worst could be over for Janahave been indications that the

nese and German bonds. UK gilts have looked healthier in recent days; and now US bonds have staged a powerful surge from the despair that dominated thinking as recently as a week ago.

Further support for the US Treasury bond market came from the news that average hourly earnings in April rose just three cents, most of which was accounted for by a mandated rise in the minimum

For the dollar, the changed aspect of the US economy will not be so welcome. As 90-day T-Bill yields slid from Thursday's 8.13 per cent to below per cent on Friday, the expectation of lower shortterm interest rates was bound to weaken the dollar, which has, in any case, been struggling to hold above 158 year

and above 1.68 marks. The collapse of gold on February 6 proved to be 2 good pointer to a changing US environment. This was reinforced by the sharp decline below 9 per cent in yield, the in the crude oil price, which also began in mid-February. since when it has tumble from \$22 to under \$18.

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Firms 'unwilling to float because they distrust City'

BRITAIN'S leading private cent. The aim was to establish companies, a potential source the views of companies likely of wital new potential source the views of companies likely of vital new blood for the to seek flotation within the stock market, take a negative next two years. view of City investors and are reluctant to seek flotation, according to a MORI survey

published today.
Their conviction about the merits of staying private con-firms growing fears that in-stitutional investors' "short-termism" and obsession with maximizing shareholder value have generated district behave generated distrust be-tween industry and the City.

Mr Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the International Stock Exchange, last month issued an appeal to institutional investors to urgently seek ways of restoring industry's confidence.

The survey, commissioned by Pannell Kerr Forster, the accountant and business adviser, shows that most privately-owned companies are unwilling to go public because of their attitude to the City.

back into the private sector after their experiences of the do not understand what it's City are Mr Richard Branson. founder of the Virgin entertainment group, and Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber, now attempting to complete the process with his Really Useful

Opinions were sought from 200 chief executives of private businesses, each with a turnover of between £5 million and £75 million and annual profit growth of at least 20 per

Surprisingly, only 6 per cent wanted to float their company, while 61 per cent said they wanted their businesses to remain in private hands. One in four said they would rather bequeath their firm or sell it privately than go to the

slock market. The City fares badly in the survey, with 61 per cent of companies convinced that the institutions place more importance on taking short-term profit than achieving long-

term performance.
A further 71 per cent see the typical City investor as someone who has never been in a factory, while 61 per cent believe companies lose their entrepreneurial spirit by going

Mr Claude Brown, chairman of Pannell Kerr Forster, said: "Our poll shows that Among those who have companies have a passionate chosen to take companies desire to stay private. Their feeling is that City investors like to run a business." He said the level of unease

with the City was "surprisingly high," with most of the high-growth companies not looking to the City for finan-cial help and advice. "This poses a real challenge

for professional investors, and the City should now aim to woo these companies and create a better image of itself,"



Back to private sector: Virgin's Richard Branson

Drexel loans may be recoverable

DREXEL Burnham Lambert, the US investment bank, repaid loans of \$621.8 million in the three months before its bankruptcy filing earlier this year, which means this money

Drexel said as of March 30 it had assets of \$3.3 billion and liabilities of \$3.8 billion, but the assets include \$1.5 billion in junk bond holdings. Major beneficiaries of the

loans include its largest creditor. Taiyo Mutual Life of Court filings also revealed

that Drexel owes Mr Michael

EC set to curb tax fraud

From Peter Guilford, Brussels

is today expected to launch new measures to curb indirect tax fraud in time for the single European market of 1993, while lightening the bureaucratic burden on traders who sell their goods in the Euro-

Reacting ahead of the announcement, British officials expressed satisfaction at the new scheme. "We like the look of it, as it appears to reduce the burden on business." said one. He believes customs will be satisfied that the plan gives them the weapons they need to prevent VAT

on goods sold abroad will still a commitment from EC govbe levied in the country where they are consumed rather than produced, a condition laid down by EC governments last year. Cars and other sensitive items would be taxed at origin or in the country where they

This has angered Mme Christiane Scrivener, the EC's Tax Commissioner, who believes VAT will continue to block the completion of the single European market until EC states agree to collect it in a product's country of origin.

are registered.

Today's decision will defer

THE European Commission ened Under the scheme, VAT commissioners may also seek ernments to drop the "destination principle" on indirect tax collection from 1997.

> This, like so many EC tax proposals before it, will make heavy weather in the Council of Ministers. Britain would block any further move to collect VAT at origin unless all other systems proved unworkable. Brussels will insist, arguing that all EC governments have already agreed to the origin principle.

Today's two-pronged plan will cut obligations on crossborder traders while placing more on the shoulders of

Milken \$62 million for shares fraud on a massive scale when rather than resolve the ques-be sold back to the company. export procedures are loos-tion of VAT, as the 17 national customs officers. 'French head for Euro bank in UK'

Bank for Reconstruction and BERD, will not be official until the end of the month.

Eastern European companies long as its president is French.

If that were the case, the only contender for the job is M Jacques Attali, the personal adviser of President Francois Mitterrand. M Attali was also the chairman of what were sometimes acrimonious dis
munity summit at Strasbourg bank's capital, which includes dent will be confirmed. BERD is scheduled to start business by Britain, France. West Ger
towards the end of this year.

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

Development, known to Euro-crats by its French acronym gued that the emerging Eastern European democracies were in need of substantial But privately, officials at the investment, similar in scope Elysée Palace have confirmed to the Marshall Plan aid that the bank, which is to help enjoyed by Western Europe Eastern European companies after the Second World War. and countries - in that order Its need was enhanced by the will be based in London as realization that Western commercial banks, after the Latin

> reluctant to jump on the Eastern European bandwagon. After the European Com-

American debt disaster, were

THE Anglo-French deal over the shape of the location of the European new institution.

Started in January. The main issues were not the bank's seat will also hold 8.25 per cent, or its president. They were its the Americans would account BERD was the brainchild of or its president. They were its the Americans would account resident Mitterrand, who are capital, the shareholdings, and for 10 per cent and the Soviets the beneficiaries of its lending. In particular, there were US reservations over whether the Soviet Union would be

allowed to take part. The compromise, achieved last month, envisages a capital of Ecu10 billion, about £13.5 billion (Britain and the US wanted Ecu5 billion, the French Ecu15 billion). EC countries and the European Investment Bank would account for 51 per cent of the of BERD's location and presi-

6 per cent. Altogether, 41 countries will take part.

The Soviet Union will be eligible for lending, but only up to the amount of its capital for a period of three years. About 60 per cent of lending will go to the private sector, the remainder to public projects.

The final agreement will be signed in Paris at the end of the month, when the question

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A return for Richard

the clock back in a surprise return to Hill Samuel. He worked there for 12 years prior to his switch to Barclays prior to his switch to Barclays he says. "I'm not sure that I have to be a merchant banker." next month, Heley, aged 41, will be a director in the corporate finance department at Hill Samuel, with a place on the bank executive com-mittee. He moved from BZW, where he was head of the corporate finance department, in October for a more widelyfocused job at Citicorp as managing director of UK corporate finance. This covered mergers and acquisitions, particularly European crossborder deals, as well as the other range of corporate services offered by the US bank. "I guess that the lure of getting back into old-fashioned merchant banking and the merchant banking deal flow was rather too great," says Heley of his latest move. "It was very much a managerial-type job at Citicorp, and my natural instinct is to be rather more involved in the deal-doing side of business." He says he will not be too uncomfortable walking back into Hill Samuel's Wood Street headquarters after his time away — "at least I do actually know the place and the culture."

Healy takes leave

NOEL Healy, once private secretary to Lord Ezra, in his days as chairman of the British Coal Board, and, for the past seven years a corporate financier at County NatWest has become the latest senior employee to re-

sign from the firm. During his Extel's league table — will be time with County Healy, aged working with Schroder's exist-35, advised on the flotation of RICHARD Heley is turning Several water companies, Thames Television and BAA. want to be a merchant banker anymore, but I'm not ruling out a return to the City. I have no preconceptions about what I want to do next — my canvas at the moment is blank."

Schroder's team

ONE of the best specialist German teams in the City salesman Christian Engelhart and analyst Simon Miller - is about to be reunited. The two worked together at L Messel until 1986. Now Miller has been persuaded to resign as a director of BZW Research to join his erstwhile colleague at Schroder Securities. Miller number three in his sector in



"I still say the Red Army could have got you two marks per Ostmark."

ing German analyst, Roger Hurst. And just as Schroder's European research division has been expanding - from seven to 15 in the past year - so too has its UK division. To expand its coverage, for the first time, into the stores sector, the firm has just recruited analyst Caroline Stewart from James Capel. "Her arrival will coincide neatly with our growing corporate involvement in this area," says Alasdair Men-zies, head of the UK division, pointing out that Schroder has

been appointed financial ad-

viser to Argos.

• JOHN Gorman, the Institute of Directors regional director, who provoked controversy and a fierce Paislevite reaction with his invitation to Irish Premier Charles Haughey to attend an IoD conference in Belfast last month, has just returned to work after a short break. And he is sporting two shining black eyes and a split nose. Had he been done over by resentful Prods? Apparently not He insists that he fell on rocks while fishing in Lough Melvin, on the border.

Out of touch

FOLLOWING the report of the executive whose yacht was called Business, so that his secretary could say he was "out on business," a reader from Scotland tells me of an Edinburgh pub called The Office, and of a local merchant who had a cottage built on top of his house so that his housekeeper could tell unwelcome visitors. "I'm sorry, he's up at the cottage." And he recalls a

report from The Times of a country vicar whose horse was called His Ministry so that his wife could tell the Bishop: "I'm sorry my husband is out on His Ministry."

Thompson service A MEMORIAL service for John Thompson, head of UK

equities at WI Carr until his death last month - aged 44 will be held at St Lawrence Jewry in Guildhall Square at noon on May 23. Thompson, who had a PhD in chemistry from Imperial College, worked for BP Chemicals for three years before joining the stockbroker Fielding Newson Smith, where he became a partner and a top-ranked oil analyst. He was widely re-spected within the oil industry and was, for a time, chairman of the London Oil Analyst Group. He joined WI Carr two years ago. Featured in this column six months ago when he organized — and won — a go-carting competition among his WI Carr colleagues, he had an insatiable zest for life. "He was just getting into his stride at WI Carr when he was afflicted with cancer," says Ray Bowden, research director at Robert Fleming. "He fought it with the same remarkable energy he always applied to his professional activities . . . he just did not give in Characteristically, last Christmas, when he was already quite weak, he organized a skiing party in Austria for more than two dozen friends." He left a wife and four children, aged from six to 12 years.

Carol Leonard

BA plans new hub to serve SE Asia

By Robert Ballantyne

BRITISH Airways is finalizing plans for a multi-million pound hub development in South East Asia which will play a key role in its bid to establish itself as a global airline.

The joint venture with Singapore Airlines will be BA's biggest investment outside Europe, rivalling its marketing deal with United, America's second airline. A senior Asian airline exec

utive said that the new BA hub at Changi Airport, Singapore would be operational in 1994 We heard that they started talking over a year ago, but it's all gone quiet. That usually means an announcement is imminent," he said.

BA was adopting a strict "no comment" approach to its plans for South East Asia. "It's company policy," said a spokesman, "We're talking to so many airlines. We're not prepared to talk about it."

It is likely that BA would prefer to take an equity stake in the recently privatized Singapore Airlines, which has consistently won Airline of the Year awards, has one of the world's youngest fleets and has huge orders for the top-ofthe range Boeing 747-400.

The joint venture at Changi, a key airport for South East Asia, would include building a large technical and engineer ing centre, in which a large jumbo jet could be stripped. BA is reported to be involved in residential building projects near the airport to provide housing for crew and technical staff, and there are reports of a new terminal for Changi, to be shared by Singapore Airlines and BA in the same way as the British share United's terminal at Chicago O'Hare.

Asian airline executives believe BA could base as many as 30 aircraft eventually at the Changi hub, able to serve all destinations within 1,000 miles, such as Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Jakarta, Bangkok and the Thai resorts, Bali and the beaches of Malaysia and northern Australia. They con-cede that the BA-Singapore hub represents their most serious threat.

Another British airline, Mr Harry Goodman's Air Europe, has signed a two-year technical and management agreement with Region Air, the new Singapore airline.

Air Europe will provide aircraft, pilots, cabin crew and ground management for the

ECONOMIC VIEW

Saving moves up the international agenda

ing from the discussions of the world economy at the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and other institutional dinosaurs it is "savings".

Economic reconstruction in Eastern Europe will make heavy demands on the world's available capital. Nor have the capital needs of developing countries in other continents diminished. Unless the rate of saving can be increased, the rising demands on the existing capital pool will tend to push up real interest rates.

The IMF's half-yearty World Economic Outlook is coy about how higher savings can be achieved, but the Fund staff believe the answer lies not so much in the level of interest rates as in the way savings are taxed. There is a lot to recommend single taxation of savings," says Jacob Frenkel, the IMF's Economic Counselior.

This is potentially an explosive conclusion. Many countries, including Britain, effectively tax savings twice. First income is taxed, and then the savings set aside out of the taxed income are taxed again. Although there are important exceptions, such as saving for pensions, where a proportion of income may be exempted from tax, a high proportion of savings are taxed twice.

Tax economists have long argued the merits of exempting all saved income from tax so that savings would only be taxed once. Under this arrangement only that part of income which was spent rather than saved would be taxed. The argument, at least in Britain, has in recent years centred more on achieving tax neutrality - in other words taxing all types of saving on the same basis rather than increasing savings in total. But if saving per se is regarded as something which needs to be encouraged then the case for moving towards an expenditure tax is strengthened.

7 hile neutrality can be achieved either by taxing all savings twice (a comprehensive income tax) or by taxing them all once (an expenditure tax), the total level of saving is likely to be higher with the lower level of taxation than the higher. In his last Budget the Chancellor, John Major, pointed tax reform slightly

in the direction of an expenditure tax by extending tax exemptions more widely via the proposed new Tessas (Tax-Exempt Special Savings Accounts). This was in contrast to his predecessor, Nigel Lawson, who, although he introduced a number of special exemptions, such as Personal Equity Plans, was mainly concerned to reduce the number of tax breaks for savers.

However, even Mr Major did not make any large claims that the new scheme would substantially increase the likely to be to divert savings out of one channel into another, more tax efficient, one. To have a real impact on the total level of saving requires more comprehensive exemption of saving.

Making fundamental reforms in the tax system to meet the changing requirements of macro-economic management is usually a mistake. But if the demands of the world economy reinforce the preferences of micro-economists that can provide the impetus for fruitful reform.

The need for higher savings stems not only from competition for a limited pool of capital but also from the longstanding problem of the trade imbalances between the main economic blocs. This is no longer as pressing a problem as it was. Both the US deficit and the Japanese surplus have declined over the past year, and while the German surplus has risen this will almost certainly reverse as unification diverts German resources inwards.

The IMF, however, insists with some justice that there is still cause for concern. Although the yen has stabilized since the April meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrial countries in Paris, it has stabilized at a low level.

nless there is some recovery the increased competitiveness which that will give the Japanese is likely to halt, and probably reverse, the trend towards a lower surplus.

Hence the comment in the latest G7 communiqué that the yen's present level "may have undesirable con-sequences for the global adjustment process." While exchange rate adjustment is notoriously difficult to manage, the prospects for complementary government-induced changes in demand to help re-balance current account flows are also limited.

Neither of the two countries in large surplus, Germany and Japan, can be expected to stimulate their economies to divert exports and promote imports. Their economies are already growing rapidly and inflationary pressures are worrying. The main deficit country, the US, can certainly do more to boost public sector savings by cutting its budget deficit. But the gap between promise and performance in achieving a budget cut is well known.

That leaves an increase in private

sector savings in the deficit countries — mainly the US, Canada and Britain — as one of the most desirable ways of reducing the world's external imbalances. At the very least, as the IMF remarks, given the capital demands in Eastern Europe and elsewhere policies should be directed towards increasing rates of saving in the deficit countries rather than reducing them in the surplus countries. We may hear a good deal more of this theme.

Rodney Lord **Economics Editor**



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The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.03 points at 2.708.33 in early trading, but a few more issues showed gains than losses.

US bond prices slipped on profit-taking after big gains on Friday. Optimism persists in the market about Japanese participation in the Treasury auctions and in the wider. success of those auctions.

Bonds and shares advanced on Friday on the strength of a small rise in the jobs figures for April. A much larger rise had been expected, but the lower figure precludes an interest-rate tightening by the being, analysts said.

O Tokyo - Share prices surged, with the Nikkei index closing almost 800 points higher on the first day of trading after a four-day holiday weekend. Brokers said sound fundamentals, encouraging US indicators and a stronger ven helped the index chart its tenth largest rise.

Mr Toranobu Sugai, senior to 1,478.0.

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SHARES opened higher and maintained a positive stand, but blue-chip issues fell slightly before the Treasury auctions the this week.

Trader at Shearson Lemman Hutton Asia, said: "There's momentum from the gains of last week. If interest-rate fears continue to ease, we should be ooking at further gains during looking at further gains during the week." The Nikkei closed 782.63 points, or 2.59 per cent, higher at 30,956.27, after firming 483.81 on Wednesday last week.

e Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index rose 11.94 points to 2,958.91 as turnover breached HK\$1 billion (£77 million) for the first time since April 25, finishing at HK\$1.12 billion. Brokers said market movements were likely to be limited in the run up to June 4, the first anniversary of the military crackdown on student-led protests in Peking by the Chinese government for-

Federal Reserve for the time Singapore - The Straits Times industrial index ended at 1,514.48, up 34.60 points, or 2.33 per cent - its biggest one-day gain of the year.

● Frankfurt — The Dax index closed 22.06 points, or 1,2 per cent, higher at 1,934.95 in what traders said was a technical correction of the market.

● Sydney — The All-Ordinaries index rose 16.8 points (Reuter)

Laing's successor promises to be more than just a caretaker



Natural break: Bob Clarke, who takes over at UB

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THE 45-year era that transformed McVitie & Price into United Biscuits will end this week in several days of affectionate ceremonies, stretching from Westminster to the Assembly Rooms in Edin-burgh. There, on Thursday, Sir Hector Laing will retire at UB's annual meeting from the chair of the £1.4 billion group

But another, albeit much shorter, era will begin. Mr Bob Clarke, the quiet Englishman who takes over at the age of 61, is determined to make it equally momentous. As chief executive since 1986, and a UB executive since 1971, Mr Clarke has been Sir Hector's

"Though Hector and I have worked very closely, the business as it is today is Hector's business and I am very happy

When it comes to the future, however, his thoughts belie their delivery. "I shall not be a caretaker chairman. If I do not take us into the truly international top league, we shall not survive as a company."

To some surprise, and a few raised eyebrows, Mr Clarke made it clear he wanted to combine the roles of chairman and chief executive. He did so deliberately, in order to take UB's reins fully into his own hands, postponing the ascent to control of a new generation of under-40s, headed by his own protegé, Mr Eric Nicoli.

The group was bound to be seen as vulnerable to takeover for," he said.

A new era for biscuit group. The company culture built up by Sir Hector, embodying long-term thinking and close relationships with employees, has, however, made UB a favoured partner or acquirer of family food businesses on the Continent.

The 686 million purchase of emerges from the shadows

after the departure of Sir Hector - a big figure on the national stage as well in the company - whom few predators would dare to take on.

Mr Clarke has earned respect in the City as a manager, during a period when UB has built a good image for successful new product launches and cost control as well as strategy. But he has inevitably been in the great man's shadow.

Sir Hector would still be on hand if rivals pounced in the short-term. But despite all the speculation in the wake of Nestle's takeover of Rowntree there is no obvious predator in view. In the longer term, however, Mr Clarke knows that UB has the potential either to become a great international force in the convenience food business or just be the means for others to achieve that

"There is everything to play

British company with an excellent domestic business half the biscuit market and strong market positions in KP snacks, crisps and Ross frozen meals - which has made an

important US acquisition in

Keebler, now number two in

biscuits and three in snacks. "We have achieved a record of decent earnings per share growth. We must now take the next step up to being a multinational business - not sell out. We have some top managers in the new generation and we shall not keep them unless we show vision and act upon it."

The first priority has been to build up business in convnental Europe. UB has not been able to do that in one leap. It was frustrated by domestic competition constraints from taking the unexpected opportunity of buy-ing the European operations Graham Searjeant

Verkade, the leading Dutch biscuit maker, which was until recently committed to independence, demonstrated the value of that legacy.

But Mr Clarke also believes he has a ghost to lay. The com-pany suffered deep psychological bruising when it was defeated by Lord Hanson for the hand of Imperial Group. It has since been loath to attempt any such bold leap.

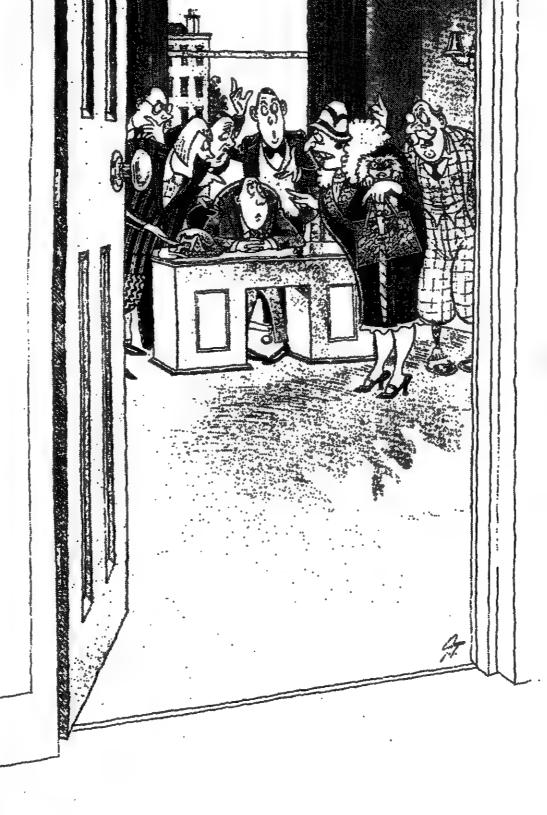
UB's record of profit and dividend growth since the mid-1980s will stand up to scrutiny, but the share rating, which improved sharply when the City discovered the hidden value of brands, has since relapsed with that of other UK-oriented groups, in some contrast to the truly multinational Unilever.

Mr Clarke prizes the value of Sir Hector's vision and has set his own as "pushing an excellent company into the pext century.

He will start by bringing 80 top UB executives from round the world to a meeting in a month's time at which they will learn that, though Sir Hector has retired, vision remains at UB.







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Brandon looks for the right tools to carve a niche in hire business

THE chairman of Brandon Hire, Mr Brian Nathan, is not a faint-hearted man. Since floating his Bristol-based company on the USM last September by way of a placing at 74p a share, valuing it at

£7.4 million, he has looked on in dismay as its share price has slipped to 48p. But he manages to remain philosophical.

"I find it all quite fascinating," he said.

"The thing that you don't appreciate until you have a quote is quite how small you are. When you start up a business you know that you're small, but then, once you start to grow, you become a big fish in a small regional pool. As soon as you join the stock market, you realize that anything you do individually is almost irrelevant, because you're put in

people get to know us better, I'm confident that we will have our own niche."

And, as Mr Nathan pointed out, Brandon Hire has been dragged down with the rest of the plant hire sector, simply because of a recent profit warning by Venture Plant, another USM company

the same category as all the other companies in your sector. But I think that's

inevitable. In the longer term, once

in a similar line of business.

"We are completely different to Venture Plant," he said. "Venture Plant was a management buyout with massive bor-

"Its gearing is something like 85 per cent. We were founded 20 years ago, have grown very steadily, mostly through green field expansion, and our gearing is 17 per cent."

Another fundamental difference between Brandon Hire and Venture Plant is that Brandon does not have any in-



Brian Nathan: steady growth

volvement in plant hire. "They are basically plant hire with a small number of tools," says Mr Nathan. "We are in tool hire and catering and furniture hire—two quite separate divisions—we are not in plant hire at all."

Brandon, whose stockbroker is Stock Beech — part of British & Commonwealth — ended its financial year at the end of April and the results are due to be unveiled in June or July. Its City followers are looking for almost £1 million profits, which would compare favourably with a figure of £822,000 for the same period the previous year.

At Brandon's present share price, profits of almost £1 million would give it earnings of about 6.8p and put it on a prospective price earnings ratio of approximately 7.

A forecast dividend of 4.4p means the shares will yield 9.2 per cent.

Schroder's team tips two

THE latest monthly focus on smaller companies published by Schroder Securities selects two USM shares as its "principal buy recommendations" — Castle Communications and Sherwood Computer Services.

Sherwood, a specialist software firm, unveiled final results last month, with 1989 profits at £2.02 million from a loss of £1.97 million. Earnings per share went from a loss of 36.8p in 1988 to a profit of 25p, well up on the 16.5p forecast by Schroder's smaller companies team.

Operating margins rose from 5.8 to 10.2 per cent and the Schroders team forecasts earnings per share of 30.2p for 1990 and pre-tax profits of £2.68 million. It concludes that "the high level of recurring revenues and progressive acceptance of the new product offerings will ensure revenues will grow by 12 per cent in 1990 despite dull economic conditions."

Against a forecast by the Schroders team of 12 per cent growth in earnings per share in 1990, the prospective p/e falls to 4.6 times. "This is a significant discount to other analogous small software houses and more than reflects the remote possibility that the problems of the past may recur."

Castle Communications' latest interims showed pre-tax profits up 53 per cent. It also unveiled a two-for-nine underwritten rights issue at 400p. Schroder forecasts earnings per share in the year to June up by 20 per cent to 34.2p. "In 1991 this progress will be maintained and the company will realize the full benefits of the rights issue. We are therefore forecasting that pre-tax margins will widen slightly, resulting in an increase of 45 per cent in pre-tax profits to £4.5 million."

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Poised for a first-class assault on Europe

The Royal Mail is answering its critics by providing better service, Anthony Cox reports, as part of its plan to develop new markets

stamp, is 150 years old this month. In celebration — and with a determination to confound its critics - the Royal Mail has announced a "significant improvement" in the performance of first-class and second-class post during the

This has not completely silenced the critics, but then, as Bill Cockburn, the Royal Mail's managing director, admits: "There has been some legitimate criticism in some parts of the country, but we are attending to it. You do not hear anything about the great majority of letters that get through on time."

Huge investments are being made in transport, automation, computerized systems and people to take the Royal Mail into the 21st century, with a confident assault on Europe as a whole in 1992

along the way.

Over the next five years, we are going to invest more than £1,100 million to take the strain of future growth," says Mr Cockburn - who doubles up as a Territorial Army colonel in charge of military postal and courier services.

There has been an investment in the art of listening. According to Mr Cockburn, the Royal Mail has tried to change its "culture" from "an operationally led take-it-orleave-it style to one where we say to the customer, 'What do you want? and the operator is

he penny black, the world's first ad-hesive postage change, but it is for us to engage in a dialogue with our customers to determine their true needs, and then to look at what we are doing and see if there is scope for change. This is something to be done with

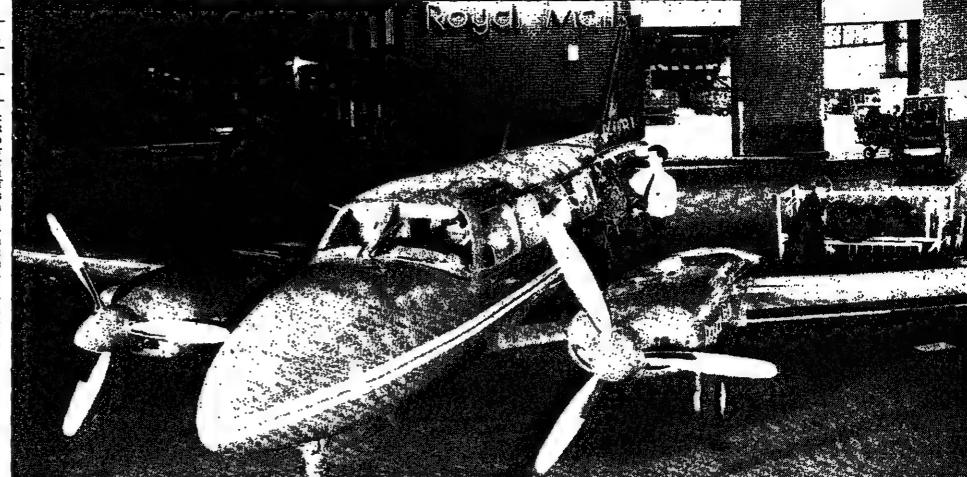
the greatest sensitivity." The Royal Mail may sometimes like to present itself as a part of the traditional British way of life. "We are part of the fabric of society," Mr Cock-

The truth is somewhat different. The Royal Mail is a large, profitable business em-ploying 180,000 people and delivering 54 million letters a day to 24 million addresses.

It is, of course, run like a business, "We do not get a penny of subsidy. Our formula works," says Mr Cockburn, whose letters operation made a profit of £66.6 million in 1988-89, despite a national postal strike.

The Royal Mail is marketled, optimistic about its future, proud of its growth rates and ready to take on the challenge of direct competition from private enterprise. Yet it remains aware of its social responsibilities, pointing out that no one, not even a privatizing govern-ment, has been able to find an alternative to the Royal Mail that would continue to meet the total postal needs of the national community.

To send a letter from any part of the UK to any other at a standard price, regardless of distance, is the cornerstone of



The speediest and the most leisurely: four million letters are flown every night fro

service. No newcomer to the postal scene could provide such a service. Nevertheless, there are highly profitable sectors of the mail business that private enterprise would like to see hived off.

Letter delivery is an expensive service, but the Royal Mail claims that in relative terms it is four times cheaper to buy a stamp today than in the last century when Rowland Hill introduced the uniform penny post.

popular demand, and is kept in place by a unified Royal Mail, which can use a profitable Peter to pay a poor Paul. The Royal Mail is bullish

about its prospects, having made a big investment in marketing to generate new business. Mr Cockburn says: We estimate that, huge as we are, we have only about a 15 per cent share of the communications market, which is the fastest-growing part of the



The corresponding urge

hile most of the country sleeps, thousands of Work throughout the night processing the 54 million letters that go to 24 million addresses nation-wide every day (Anthony Cox writes). Every letter has to make an individual journey from postbox to doormat.

The Royal Mail is handline mail volumes of Himalayan proportions in Vic-torian times, the gostal service bandled 76 million letters a year. Today, it shifts more letters in a day at Christmas than in the whole of 1840," says Bill Cockburn, managing director of the Royal Mail.

However, the challenge does not end these People are writing more letters than ever before, and first trend is going to continue. By the year 2005, the Royal Mail predicts it will be handling 100 million letters. a day, so we must use every modern idea to keep pace with what our customers need. When Rowland Hall in-

troduced the penny post, the mail coach was the modern mail transport sys tent. Hill, the man crediter with developing the idea of a uniform post, argued that cheaper costs and improved transport would lift the Post
Office's business. Today, the
Royal Mail uses transport
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articulated vehicles. It has one of the largest vehicle fleets in the world = 33,000 - and uses more than 4,000 trains every

Every day 54 million letters are handled in Britain. In 10 years

that figure is likely to double

183 minibus services timetabled to carry passengers with the mail on some of Britain's most scenic and iso-

The Royal Mail is developing a new network of direct road links between key postal districts to speed up mail deliveries. "When complete, the new network will total more than 700 fast road links," says Peter Howarth,
Royal Mail operations direcion. They will enable mail to
reach sorting offices by midnight, three hours earlier than
before. This will mail to before. This will mean mil-Hons more letters hitting door-

mats the next day." The new road links avoid resh-hour delays and travel disect to destinations. Rail services, however, will contique to play a key part in the network, particularly for transporting mail over longer distances. About 500 provincial network links have already been introduced, and now 200 short-distance links. are being introduced in and

around London. Every year, the Royal Mail's I developed air network carries more than a billion first-class letters to distant parts of the UK. About 30

In remote areas, mail may chartered aircraft fly mail arrive by motorboat, heli- around Britain every night, copter or postbus - a network ensuring that people living in the more remote areas of the country receive their letters

> promptiv. Domestic night air mail is set to rise by up to 40 million letters a year, and extra links are being introduced to cope with this extension of the service. The opening of postal "hubs" at Speke airport, in Liverpool, in 1979 and at Derby's East Midlands airport in 1982 were important steps in co-ordinating the national delivery system.

n opening the East Mid-lands "hub", conveniently located at the centre of the country, the Royal Mail took the opportunity to set up its first integrated service for road, rail and air links. This teamed the airport operation with Travelling Post Offices - sorting offices pulled by trains - at nearby Derby station and a fleet of dedicated mail vans.

The Royal Mail operation at the East Midlands airport begins at 10.30pm, when the first of 13 flights from Scot-land, Belfast, East Anglia, the south-west and the south-east start arriving. The aircraft are emptied and quickly reloaded, most of them flying out again within the hour. Timing is crucial. A similar operation takes place at Speke, where the main links are with road transport.
"Improving reliability is

our number one priority. The new road and air links are just part of a £1.2 million investment to boost service," Mr

investing money in new computer systems and in special pay supplements to help to improve recruitment.

Computers are now being used to find the fastest way to deliver the mail. The Computer Assisted Delivery revision program reduces the time it takes to man out the quickest and most effective routes for individual postal rounds. It complements the recently completed DARRT program, which seeks out routes for the nation's mail.

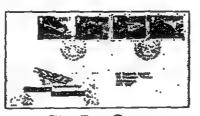
These two systems will help speed the delivery of mail, revolutionizing the way the Royal Mail plans how letters are handled around the country, right down to the postmen and postwomen on the street," Mr Cockburn says.

"The Royal Mail delivers to every address in Britain, something not possible in 1840 when remote areas of the country did not get a postal

"Internationally, the Royal Mail is virtually alone in the world with a postal service that delivers all the way to the customer's individual letterbox, whether in a high-rise flat or a remote farm cottage.



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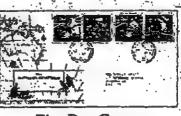
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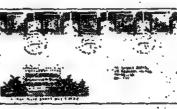
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leteer who swam with an already rising tide. Hill's overbearing mander in his subsequent position as late Secretary of the Post Office and ensured that he was one of the

In the Britain of the 1830s, a large extent, reform was in the air Every-body was all it, and alongside the movement for par indeed grow, liamentary reform, which had but not nearly its apogee in the gross Reform as quickly as Bill of 1832 there was in he had envisequally strong content for aged. He was fiscal reform.

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pamphlet on uniform post much cheaper appeared in 1837, at par mails, the hamentary commission was already at work studying an overhaul of the mails, and the by having Post Office had received pe people stick titions containing a total of on more than 200,000 signatures, stam from the Lord Mayor of London to chambers of commerce throughout the land, demanding the very things

that Hill proposed. Still, any reform needs a figurehead, a champion who will see it through.
The curious thing is that, in many ways, Hill's campaign

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Hill: a postal dictator? stamps themselves at a standard charge increase of expenses keep pace would ensure that revenue did not fall. He later revised his estimates, saying it would take only five years to recover from

In the first year of the penny post, the Post Office's revenue fell by 69 per cent, and it was not until 1863 that it recov- mote country areas which, he

ing the mails, he claimed, and the Post Office itself was The main plank of his inefficient and not paying argument was to reduce postal enough attention to making tariffs in the fielief that a economies and improveinefficient and not paying

> old guard in the Post Office, which **Барру 10** call the Hill reforms "preposterous, wild, visionclumsy and impractic-able". Hill retorted; "It is the intention. of the Post Office to make the measure

was a strong

fail apparently, in a financial point of view at least.

by making the with that of letters." Although Hill is credited with being the man who introduced a penny post to every address in the country, that was far from so. In his original proposals he spoke disparagingly of "in-

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have their mail delivered. The spread of a universal mail By 1864, more than 94 per

cent of all letters posted were delivered to the bouses to which they were addressed but it was not until 1897, as ments in the service, There part of Queen Victoria's dia-was a strong mond jubilee celebrations, that delivery to every house in the kingdom, no matter how remote, was guaranteed.

A good idea will always out. The basic idea of a cheap flatrate postal service was soo good to fade away, and eventually the rest of the world began to take notice. Brazil in 1843 was the first

country to follow Britain's example. Within 40 years, 150 countries had adopted the British system. Hill, however, became an increasingly dictatorial, obses-sive, and unpopular postal

Anthony Trollope, father of the pillar box, said of him: "I was always an anti-Hillite, believing him to be entirely unfit to manage men or to arrange labour.

Hill's brother once remarked: "When you go to heaven, I foresee that you will stop at the gate to inquire of St Peter how many deliveries they have per day."

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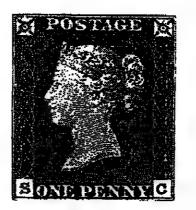
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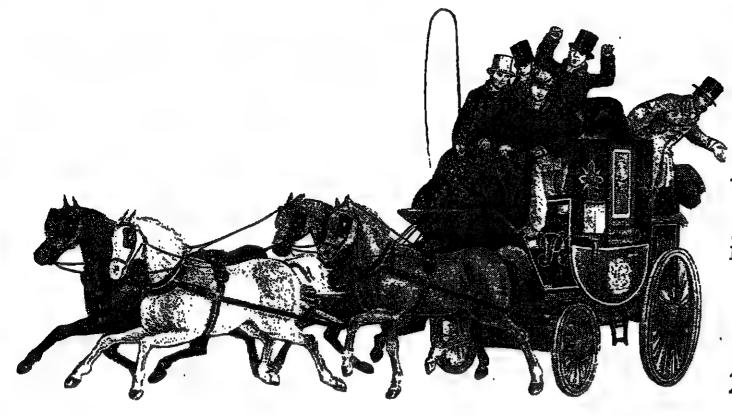
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And he'd see technology put to such good use that other postal administrations clamour to copy it and buy it.

In 1840, the British Post Office clearly led the way

forward for the rest of the world.

Today, 150 years later, that's still true.



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Adhering to the Rowland Hill principle

eports of dramatic changes in the postal service are greatly exaggerated, ac-cording to Bill Cockburn, managing director of the Royal Mail. He was responding to newspaper claims that discussions are under way that could lead to the merging of first-class and second-class mail, the introduction of a business users' "premium" service and an end to early-morning

residential deliveries.

"What we are celebrating this year—the 150th anniversary of the Rowland Hill principle of the uniform price and the uniform service - is valued throughout the country. Nobody is suggesting we move even an inch away from that," Mr Cockburn says.

Clearly, however, as a large organization, which has grown by more than 40 per cent in a decade and, looking forward, we could have growth of the same magnitude - we have to constantly look at how we are organized, our service structure and how we staff the business.

This is becoming particularly important to the Post Office, the country's second largest employer, in the face of the approaching demographic trough.

"We have to ask, 'What does the customer need as he enters the 1990s? Those needs could alter because of other options. I think we are always looking at other options. The time has come to start discussing more openly with our customers what sort of postal

According to Mr Cockburn, the Royal Mail has sought to change from a "take-it-or-leave-it operation to one which is marketfocused, where we say to the customer. What do you want? and the operator is servant to the

market, not the other way round". But what the customer wants may be difficult or impossible to deliver. The delivery structure is under serious review. Most of the Royal Mail's 70,000-80,000 delivery staff have to start work at an early hour, and people are becoming increasingly resistant to working unsocial hours.

f our customers signal to us that it is not so important to them to have their mail early - in other words, if it could start later and be

'We have been making a lot of positive investments'

spread longer - that could have quite a dramatic effect on employment conditions, particularly in the case of part-time and female employees, who would be more willing to work for us if they did not have to start at \$.30am," Mr Cockburn says.

Delivery performance has come in for heavy criticism. However, outside London and the south-east there is a more positive view of the



The Royal Mail remains committed to its founding philosophy of 'uniform price and uniform service'. However, staff demands and market realities are forcing it to re-evaluate many services, Bill Cockburn (left) tells Anthony Cox

mail service, particularly in areas where there is a more stable workforce. The Royal Mail's answer to this problem has been to invest more money in the problem areas. provoking confrontation with the

We have been making a lot of positive investments, particularly by putting pay supplements into London and the south-east.

"This is what the postal strike was all about. The unions found it difficult to accept differentials, but we have invested £50 million in payments focused on blacksnot

"We are beginning to see a reduction in staff turnover and a consequent improvement in service, in some areas very markedly. "Taking performance as a

whole, we agreed with our users' council that we would target for the biggest-ever improvement in service for a single year in 1989, and we actually beat our target. That's part of an ongoing drive, backed up by big investments in

transport, air services, automation and people. There have been some legitimate criticisms in some parts of the country, but we are addressof the country, our we are assuresing them. Of course, you never
hear anything about the vast
majority of letters that get through
on time," Mr Cockburn says.
In volume terms, Royal Mail

deliveries are 87 per cent business and 13 per cent personal. However, while the bulk of revenue comes from business and official mail, only 500,000 of the country's 24 million addresses belong to the business community, so most of the costs of delivery are incurred in servicing private addresses, Mr Cockburn is confident that

"we will always have postmen and postwomen. Although we are investing in the latest technology to reduce the labour intensity of mail-processing, the vast army of delivery postmen and postwomen is the most valuable part of our

The Royal Mail has a statutory monopoly covering addressed

mail priced below £1. "There is a great illusion about the monopoly. We do not have a monopoly of communication, and we estimate that, huge as we are, we only have about a 15 per cent share of the

Cockburn says, raising the issue of

privatization. "Our position is that the monopoly is genuinely a privilege; not a right. We are confident that we could be successful in a competitive environment. But what the Government has to consider is what the end of the monopoly would mean to the

"It would not make any sense to allow people to just come in and cream off the most profitable routes. Any fool could make a lot of money by being selective. It is significant that this Government is clearly very keen to see increased competition, but it has not yet found a model which would protect the Rowland Hill

To put competition into perspective, Mr Cockburn says that the Royal Mail handles the same amount of mail in one day at Christmas as all the private courier companies together handle in

a year.
The likes of TNT, which might like to have entry into the juicy small bits, could not actually provide benefit to the community

"It is not our job to stop competition, but it is the Govern-ment's job to get the framework right as a whole," Mr Cockburn

The arrival of the single European market is seen as a great opportunity for the Royal Mail. We think there is great potential

'We do not get one penny of subsidy. Our formula works'

for us with 1992. Our prices are the lowest in Europe, our business is the most successful commercially, and the service we give is in the top rank of European

performance. "We envisage competition with our European counterparts, not in the sense that we would have pillar boxes in West Germany, but that a

lot of businesses will have a choice

as to where they locate their

mailing centre for Europe - that's

what we see post-1992," he says. The Royal Mail is bullish about its prospects. Direct mail marketing is one interesting and exciting prospect. I believe that the in-dustry is only in the foothills of development here. The number of direct mail pieces per head of population is about 26 a year. In America the figure is 10 times greater, and in Europe it is double

the UK average "In the 1960s people were predicting that this business would go into decline and we would lose out to telecommunications and other more glamorous means of communication - and that did in fact happen for a period. We did not grow in the

"Since the beginning of the 1980s, when we pursued vigorous productivity improvements and lowered our prices in real terms, our customers have returned to us. My growth last year was 9 per cent. Over the next five years we are going to invest more than £1.1 million to take the strain of future

"The advance of the fax, for example, will clearly erode traditional markets, but I think that other markets will arise. Take all the privatization issues - they have proven a tremendous boost for Royal Mail, with all those extra items to handle. Wonderful. We love it! And people should not forget that we do not get a penny of subsidy. Our formula works.

Letters destined underground

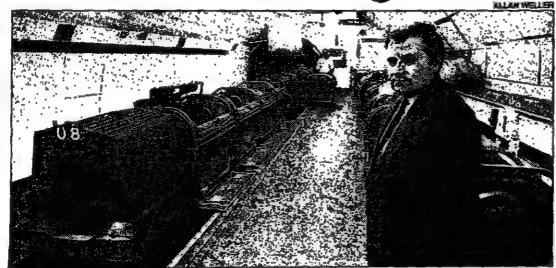
Prian Quinn, head of Mail Rail, the Post Office's private underground railway, has a curious memento of one of his predecessors (Malcolm Brown writes). A glass display case on his office wall holds a pair of white silk gloves, presented to the first head of the underground system in January 1929 by his staff.

Mr Quinn says the railway opened for business in 1927, but it was plagued by technical hitches. It was not until January 1929 that the system ran through a full 24 hours without a single delay.

The significance of the white silk, apparently, was that once the problems had been solved the head man no longer needed to get up to his elbows in grease. "The boss could stay away and not get dirty," Mr Quinn says.

After the initial problems the system seems to have run like a dream. Mr Quinn says downtime the only one of its type in the world, shunts 50,000 bags of mail a day between Paddington and Whitechapel, serving the two mainline stations of Paddington and Liverpool Street and six large

sorting offices. The idea for an underground system for mail goes back to well before the First World War. A committee set up by the Post-master-General in 1909 to advise on the moving of mails by pneumatic tubes or electric railway came out in favour of the latter in 1911, and tunnelling



Down below; Brian Quian, at Mount Picasant, heads the Post Office underground railway system

finally brought the project to a halt in 1917. During the war the tunnels were used by the Tate Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery as a safe haven for their art

ireasures. The system was finally completed and opened for service in 1927, and has been in use ever since. The tiny trains are driven by remote control and are overseen from an operations centre at the Mount Pleasant sorting office, near Holborn. They run at speeds of up to 40mph, three times the average speed of road traffic in

started three years later. It continued throughout the war until 27fl-long cars in the system can labour and materials problems carry up to 60 bags of mail or 24 bags of parcels.

Trains run at a rate of 12 every hour in each direction, their number increasing until a train runs every four minutes at peak periods. At the busiest times, the Post Office is able to get a train from Liverpool Street to Paddington - a vital mail transport link in just 13 minutes.

Mail Rail must be one of the most intensively used underground railways in the world. It operates 22 hours a day, the other two hours being used for mainte-

The whole system is run with only 260 staff, including engineers splendid old engineering work-shop in the middle of Mount Pleasant. The system appears to be highly efficient, but Mr Quinz admits there have been occasional

One of the worst occurred when large sack of mail blocked a chute at the King Edward Building. Within 20 minutes, as more and more bags were sent down the chute, the blockage turned into a

gigantic iam. In the end, the fire brigade had to be brought in to dislodge many

Postal clickety-clack

Office's Travelling Post Offices (TPOs), the 35 mobile sorting offices that run on overnight trains, are a hardy lot. They have to be (Malcolm Brown writes). Not only do they work nights under often adverse conditions and spend large parts of every week away from their families, but, just occasionally, they also have to cope with

One of the oddest happened a few years ago just outside Reading when, according to Alex Obra-dovic, head of Travelling Post Offices, a package broke open and out popped a minor plague of locusts. It rather upset the staff, by all accounts. "It didn't do the locusts much good either," Mr

Obradovic says.

More than half of all mail still travels by train. Every day 3,000 trains are used. There are about 300 "specials" - all-mail trains that carry most of the overnight first-class mail - and 35 of these are TPOs.

The TPOs go back more than 150 years to 1838, when the Post Office tried an experiment with a converted horse-box. The box was pressed into service as a rudimentary sorting office on the Birmingham-to-Warrington section of the Grand Junction Railway. The idea caught on, and by mid-century a small network had

been built up. The heyday of the TPO was undoubtedly the 1930s. The ser-

that every one of us produces in

his or her own handwriting.



People of the night: sorters at work on a Travelling Post Office

vice was immortalized then by sorted. They run along the main John Grierson's classic docu- routes, but the mail sorted is mentary film. Night Mail, the sound-track of which was a now is destined for another. Mail from famous W.H. Auden poem, whose rhythms evoke the clickety-clack of the old stream train on its northward journey to Aberdeen:. This is the night mail crossing

Bringing the cheque and the

Letters for the rich, letters for the

The shop at the corner and the girl next door.

and packets a year. All are hand-

Between them, the TPOs handle about 425 million first-class letters large centres is rarely sorted. It is largely a service for "small-town Britain", Mr Obradovic says. He says the sorters who make up most of the 650 TPO staff are

resilient types and long stayers sometimes giving that section service for up to 30 years.

For the last-minute customers first-class letters still can be posted. on all TPOs, which have postboxes on the exterior of the coaches. Some of the big railway stations still have special lateposting boxes on the platforms.

The simple coding provides the Post Office with the ideal means of coping with future demands on its service, Malcolm Brown writes

MANY people have no idea what the post-code system is about. They believe it is another piece of bureaucratic nonsense dreamt up by the Post Office to make a customer's life more difficult.

In fact, the post-code is a remarkably sophisticated "homing device". It tells the Post Office for which town, street and segment of the street a letter is destined. Add the number of the house and mail could, in theory, be delivered to its destination without normal addressing. Police, for example, use house number plus post-code to security stamp bicycles - the resulting code number provides an accurate

The post-code was devised so that the Post Office could machine-sort mail.

In the simplest and most common system, a human operator reads the written post-code as the letter passes on a moving conveyor and types it into his coding keyboard. That translates the postcode into a sequence of blue phosphor dots, which can then be machine-read as the letter passes a sophisticated light detector. The dot code is unscrambled and the letter sent off to the appropriate

In old-fashioned sorting, the address on an envelope might be read up to half a dozen times by human sorters before the letter reached its destination. Post-coding allows machines to be used in all intermediate stages.

Now the whole process has been taken a step further. The operators who key in the post-code manually are being replaced by optical scanners that use machine-vision techniques to read the written post-code on the envelope.

The OCR (optical character recognition) machines are speeding up operations enormously. A manual operator can key in 2,000 post-codes an hour. OCR machines can process 35,000. The Post Office has 19 OCR machines in operation, and expects to have another 29 working within the

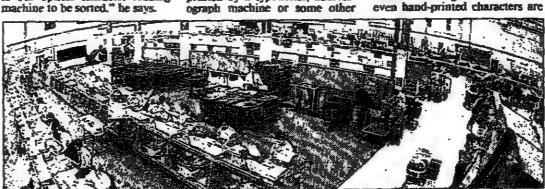
Alex Beardmore, the engineer-

in-chief who heads the Post Of-fice's research centre in Swindon, Wiltshire, says the system works

very well with the type of material produced by bulk mailers. "The big mailing houses, such as Reader's Digest, Access and Visa, produce vast quantities of nicely typed mail that can go straight on to our optical character reading machine to be sorted," he says.

scientists and engineers are trying to upgrade the system. One of the ultimate aims, Mr Beardmore says, is to get machines to read hand-written mail. There is an enormous difference

can be persuaded to hand-print between asking a machine to the post-code. The difficulties of recognize characters machinemachine-reading hand-written or printed by a typewriter, address-



Secrets of the mysterious post-code revealed many and various. At the simplest Meanwhile, Mr Beardmore's mechanical device, and asking it level, although a machine-printed to recognize the free-flowing and character will normally be of a very individualistic characters

> vary enormously from the very But some advances may still be small to the very large.
> The OCR has to "normalize" possible, particularly if the public the size of the characters before it can even begin to search its

memory for matching patterns. There are ways forward," Mr Beardmore says. "The first step will almost certainly be to get boxes printed that constrain the size of the characters and separate

fairly standard size, the characters

that humans put on the page may

them physically." People are already used to doing this sort of thing on computer forms, so it should be possible to adapt the idea for envelopes, though the Post Office would first have to persuade envelope-makers

of the merits of the system. He says Post Office technology has very fine constraints within which to work. One of the oddest

gineers and scientists developing new technology must consider is that Post Office equipment must

be gentle.
"If you are in a manufacturing process and something goes wrong with the machinery, then, if, say, you are cartoning up sugar, you may waste a few wrappers, you may waste a bit of sugar," Mr Beardmore says. "But you just throw those away and start again. If any of our machinery goes wrong in that way, then you are in danger of destroying somebody's mail. That is irreplaceable. So it has got to be highly reliable and gentle in its handling capabilities."

Technology is becoming more important for Post Office operations, Mr Beardmore says, The volume of mail is growing at 6 or 7 per cent a year.

"At the rate we are going we shall be handling something like 80 million letters a day by the end of the century. If we go on at that rate of growth we shall need something like another 100,000 posumen on the streets. The country is going to be rather stretched to provide that sort of



The popular pastime that sticks

pecial issues of British stamps were rare before the 1960s. The first appeared in 1924, for the British Empire Exhibition, followed by the state of the British Empire Exhibition, followed by the state of the state followed by others for the 1948 Olympic Games, the 1951 Festival of Britain and the 1957 World Scout Jubilee

in 1960 that changed when the Royal Mail started issuing special stamps in line with the well-established practice in other countries. In doing so, it quietly buried the diktat of George V, a keen philatelist, that the Continental habit of regularly issuing "specials" should not be copied.

In 1964, under the Post-master-Generalship of Tony Benn, the first commemoratives appeared featuring people other than the reigning monarch, and widened the scope for special issues. Today, followers of philately, which is the world's most popular hobby, are well served by the Royal Mail, which puts out seven or eight special

issues every year. The number is limited to eight because stamp sales and production patterns require gaps between issues.

The Royal Mail also wishes to avoid the bad habit of some countries of producing spe-cials like confetti

"It is quite clear that our customers would dislike it if

Stamp collecting, the world's most widespread hobby, is well served by yearly British specials

we issued more. It's not a main sales outlet for specials market for 'milking'. We aim and other philatelic products for the very highest quality we such as first-day covers and can get, and our efforts have been rewarded over the years with design awards," says the general manager of Royal Mail Stamps, Keith Fisher, who is in charge of 250 employees directly engaged in

the philately business. "Every year we get more than 1,000 letters suggesting subjects for special stamps.

The final decision rests with Post Office Board, which considers recommendations from the Royal Mail."

Specials come off sale after a fortnight at post offices and after a year at the Royal Mail's philatelic outlets. The stamps then pass into the hands of the stamp dealers.

"Christmas stamps are the most popular, and printing has to start in July," Mr Fisher says. "For the second-class Christmas stamps - although I should say the stamp for the second-class rate because we don't have any second-class stamps - the print run is 6,000 million. Other specials have

much smaller print runs." The

presentation packs is the Royal Mail's Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh, which has about 200,000 regular cus-

tomers world-wide. West German philatelists are the bureau's best overseas customers.

"Our philatelic sales doubled in the Eighties and are still increasing at a healthy rate. Philately makes a profit for the Royal Mail and, of course, an important contribution to keeping down the cost of postage. I see the philately business going on for. ever," Mr Fisher says.

he bureau also runs the Stamp Bug Club, which encourages philately among the young and is the biggest children's club in the country, with nearly 70,000 members.

British stamps are at present on show at Stamp World 90. an international exhibition at Alexandra Palace, north London, The penny black's 150th birthday fell on May 6, and all the historic material involved in the stamp's design is displayed there together for

About 75,000 visitors are expected to attend the exhibition, which also includes part of the Queen's private collection. The exhibition, which closes next Sunday, is open daily from 10am to 6pm (5pm on the last day). Admission for the final days is £3 for adults and £2 for children

Special exhibitions on the work of Rowland Hill, who introduced the uniform penny post, and the penny black stamp are also running throughout this anniversary year at the National Postal Museum in King Edward Street, London ECl, where the full history of British postage stamps and the work of the designers and craftsmen producing them can be explored any weekday between 9.30am and 4.30pm.

The museum contains a unique collection of 19thcentury postage stamps, held in trust for the nation. The history of the Royal Mail itself can be traced in the Search Room of the Post Office Archives, Freeling House, 23 Glasshill Street, London SEI, between 9am and 4.15pm any

Anthony Cox



Serious stuff: devotees at the Stanley Gibbous shop

The long and rocky road to postal reform

Museum, Dr John Marriott, keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection, spoke of increasing dissatisfaction with postal affairs, and with the high rates of postage being charged.

To the relief of his audience. he was not voicing complaints about the present-day Royal Mail, but was outlining the events that led to the postal

Rowland Hill's proposal for a flat-rate postage charge throughout the country was written in 1837 when sending a letter was complicated, uncertain and expensive.

In London alone there were three separate postal systems. The Twopenny Post Office handled mail within London and the immediate area around it. The Inland Office, an ancestor of the Inland Revenue, had general charge of the postal system for the rest of the country and the Foreign Office dealt with mail to and from overseas. Every system had its own staff, methods and charges.

Contrary to popular belief, Hill did not invent the penny post. He proposed that it be common in the local town made universal throughout posts, rarely applied to the the land, irrespective of the general mails. Letters from distance a letter had to travel. By the mid-1830s, the twopenny mail was only one of many cheap local posts established in many British towns. There were 356 penny posts in England, 81 in Scotland and 295 in Ireland. The difficulty was in sending a letter from

one town to another. Postage was charged according to the distance and the number of sheets in a letter. The lowest rate for a single-sheet letter was four old pence for up to 15 miles, rising to a shilling for 300 miles, and an extra penny for every 100 miles beyond that. A twosheet letter doubled those rates, and a three-sheet epic trebled them.

Thus, a single-page letter from London to Brighton cost eight pence, while a four-page saga from London to Glasgow should have cost a princely four shillings and four pence. But, in fact, it cost much less as charges varied, often for no apparent reason. A single-400 miles between London

pening the 150th an-niversary exhibition at the National Postal one and a half pence, yet a letter from Glasgow to Gree-nock, only 20 miles away, cost six pence.

It was hardly surprising that one of the first agitators for postal reform, pre-dating Hill by several years, was Robert Wallace, MP for Greenock.

Although, in theory, the postage could be paid by the sender in both the local and the general mails, it rarely was. Every item of mail had to be stamped "paid" or "unpaid" by the postal authority. The charge was calculated and written on every unpaid letter. an expensive, laborious and time-consuming exercise. Postage was almost always paid by the recipient, making the postman a considerably less welcome figure on the

doorstep than he is today. And it made delivery slow. A letter carrier in London, it was calculated, could deliver on average only 70 letters in an hour and a half as he had to collect his money at every call, rather like a modern one-man-

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owever, the delivery of letters to the address Lon the envelope, while afar were delivered no further than the Post Office in the relevant town. There were no roadside pillar boxes in which to place mail. Letters had to be taken to the local Post Office or "receiving house", al-though in London and some large provincial towns, bellmen would walk the streets

offering to collect mail, ringing a bell to attract attention. Because of the sometimes high cost of the official mails, a considerable business grew up in contraband mails in defiance of the Postmaster-General's supposed monopoly, and letters were moved by

stagecoach or private carriers. Postage was regarded as a source of texation rather than payment for a service, and a main plank in Hill's campaign was that a low and stendard postal charge would increase tax revenue, both by stimulating demand and by rendering obsolete the need for contraband mail.

On both counts he was, in

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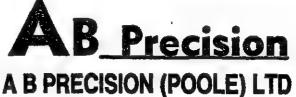
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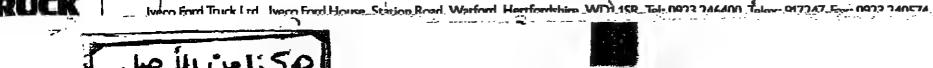
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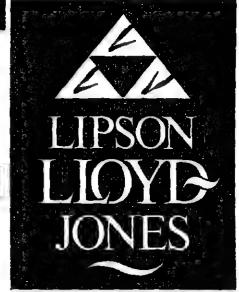
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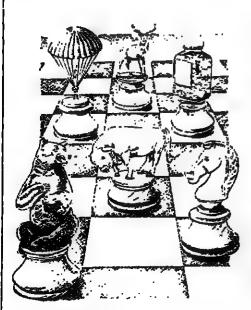
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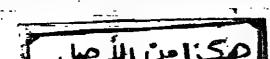
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Probation officers move to the forefront

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ohn Patten, the Home Of-fice minister, has said: "We are looking to the probation service to move centre stage and to deal with even greater numbers of more serious offenders in the community." Under the 1973 Power of Criminal Courts Act, probation officers must "advise, assist and

befriend" those on probation. With this in mind. Mr Patten continued: "I know that the service has acquired useful skills and techniques, mixing authority and control with compassion and understanding, which, combined with the discipline of court orders, can help to bring about a change in behaviour." Yet there is fear in some parts of the service that under proposals in an imminent White Paper the service will be expected to move away from its social-work base, and become

more punitive.

Will it, for instance, lose its responsibility for supervising community service orders?

There is some justified criti-cism, says Harry Fletcher, of the National Association of Probation Officers, that offenders in some areas receive more lenient treatment than in others, and more standardization may be

Probation officers have always had to do a difficult balancing act. I visited one area that believes it has got the balance right - Oldham, part of the Greater

Manchester service. Andrew Underdown, the divisional chief probation officer, says: We do wish to retain our social work base and we use social work principles in treating offenders as

individuals.
"The sentences are demanding on the offender. There could be a conflict for some staff between the concepts of care and control, but personally I think it is one of language. We hold offenders to the terms of the probation order. We do not make excuses for them. but we do try to get them to analyse the reasons for their

The best-known aspects of the probation service's work are its reports for the courts and work with offenders who are given probation as an alternative to a custodial sentence. However, responsibilities bave widened over the years so that officers are involved at every stage of a case. Social inquiry reports have changed in the past few years, the Oldham staff say. They are no longer purely biographical but concentrate on factors relevant to the court's decision, and suggest, for example, which type of super-

vision order might be appro-



Work for the courts is still important. Because it costs £18 a week to supervise an offender in the community, compared with £275 in prison, judges and magistrates make more use of alternatives to jail when they are fully

aware of what these involve. The Greater Manchester service, like many others, has produced booklets for judges de-scribing its work and the types of programmes it runs. Reports themselves take up a large slice of time and often have to be done quickly, meaning that officers may have to be good at organizing

and choosing priorities. It was in Oldham that the Department of Social Security cracked down on moonlighting taxi-drivers last year. Forty were prosecuted and 40 reports were required within

After sentence, probation offi-cers work with offenders in vari-ous ways. Ten years ago, the main method was reporting. Offenders attended at set times for individual advisory and counselling sessions. Courts still make probation orders with no further conditions, but many make greater use of probation service-devised programmes, which may be administered by the service itself or community organizations. "We have put a lot of effort into these in the past year," Mr Underdown says, "and the courts have realized

il encroach on free time and all carry strict penalties, including the ultimate threat of prison for non-compliance. Programmes range in length and specialization. from short courses on alcohol or drug abuse, to longer ones. culminating in the acquisition of

basic work skills. All involve discussion groups, largely run by probation officers. An offender's job takes priority, so a large amount of group and individual work must be done in evenings and at weekends, with obvious effects on officers' social life. Supervising community service orders — by probation officers or by the community service organizers working with them -involves even more unsocial

Other responsibilities of the service are: thorough care, maintaining contact with prisoners and

LYNNE CORCORAN (left), 2 social science graduate, works as a probation officer in Oldham's juvenile team.
One of the first things she had to learn was how to decide priorities, even though in her team the week is fairly structured. "I have juvenile court and meetings with social services, the police and my team on set days," she says. "Around these, I fit my share of group work, social inquiry reports, paperwork, and other things on a day-to-day basis. Today, for example, I have a meeting to arrange next week's day centre work for motor vehicle offenders."

 There are different routes into the probation service, mature entrants with varied experience being particularly welcome. Further information is available from Probation Service Division, Home Office, Oneen Anne's Gate, London SWIH 9AT.

their families during sentence automatic in the case of under-21s: specialist work with juvenile offenders, in close liaison with social workers, and civil work, largely providing reports about the future of the children of divorcing parents. In addition, probation officers these days liaise with other agencies, working on crime prevention, often taking

the lead in initiating projects.

Policy varies in different areas, so that in some it is possible to retain a generic caseload, while in others, officers may specialize in one aspect for two or three years.

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'Vigilance' required for disregard of spirit of the game

SENDINGS-OFF in each of ways and means of preventing four rounds of the Pilkington the English and Welsh cup finals on Saturday produced a slightly melancholy conclusion to the 1989-90 season and emphasized the need for vigilance by all the home unions now that they have embraced national competitive

The dismissal of John Gadd in the Pilkington final, and Andrew Kembery in the Schweppes final, did not mar either occasion significantly, inconsistent treatment of though both Gloucester and offenders in parts of the Neath would have preferred it not to have happened. But the warning signs are plain.

in Wales, when four players from senior clubs were sent off on the same day, and over the opening three months of the plinary committees. season dismissals increased by 41 per cent, even though the sin bin is still in operation. The figures for the English season will not be collated until mid-summer but sendings-off by London Society referees of the have reached a new high of 194 That would do away with the compared with the society's

previous record of 172. The Rugby Football Union established a working party early this season to report on flag for foul play in the first

Peter Yarranton, the junior

mendations on the amateur

regulations relating to

violence. The report, compiled by Ian Beer, Andy Ripley and Tony Trigg, is being considered by the RFU's various sub-committees. The working party also said the RFU should have access to video recordings in line with recent International Rugby tees. Several proposals are in Football Board recommend the pipeline but the report tions. Last month the New suggests there is no need to Zealand RFU council acchange the laws because it is cepted that the use of video the application of them that is evidence was likely despite criticism by Eddie Tonks, the The working party discovered that players felt there was new council chairman, that this could detract from the referee's authority: "I think it gets away from the spirit of the game," Tonks said. But the

country and recommended that players sent off in national league, Pilkington Cup or divisional matches should game's spirit is in the hands of today's players and if they fail to observe it in increasing appear before a RFU discinumbers, then they must be plinary board rather than, as made to do so. now, their own county discivice-president of the RFU, They suggested that touch and Bob Rogers, of Sussex judges, comperent to indicate acts of foul play, should be present at national league and have been invited to prepare a paper on England's recom-

Pilkington Cup matches, even

though this would place a communications for regreat strain on the manpower ward". An IRFB special comavailable to referees' societies. mittee. under chairmanship of Sir Ewart Bell, of Ireland, will consider anomaly of county cup matches having three qualithe paper along with other fied officials at semi-finals and recommendations before finals but no touch judges to October's interim meeting of

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Ajax end monopoly but their supporters spoil the party

AJAX broke PSV Eindhoven's four-year monopoly of the Dutch championship on Sunday but not without providing a reminder of why they will not be allowed to enter the European

Their 1-1 draw against Nijmegen was enough to carry them to the title which they last won in 1985, but the match was interrupted for 15 minutes by pitch invasions, reviving mem-ories of the missile-throwing which lead to the abandoment of Ajax's UEFA Cup-tie against Austria Vienna last September and subsequently to their suspension from European

Thus there will be no Dutch impetition but PSV, who Haarlem 2-0, with goals by Kiefl and Vanenburg at the weekend, will take part in the European Cup Winners' Cup, and Twente Enschede and Roda JC will

Portugal, on the other hand, may have two representatives in 1951. the next European Cup. Benfica

would qualify as holders, if they were to beat AC Milan in the European Cup final on May 23, and Porto have qualified as Portuguese champions by beating Sciubal 1-0 on Sunday.

Couto's goal carried Porto fano by becoming the club's leading scorer for a fifth time.

Couto's goal carried Porto beyond the reach of Benfica and gave them their tenth first division championship. Benfica will take consolation from their performance against União, whom they beat 4-2, with the Swedish forward, Magnusson, scoring twice, the second being his 32nd goal of the season.

An individual scoring feat

was also the principal feature of Real Madrid's last match of the league season. Real had long since won the Spanish championship, but 100,000 people thought it worth attending the Bernabéu stadium on Saturday to see if the Mexican forward. Hugo Sanchez, could score three times against Real Oviedo and equal the scoring record for a single season, 38, set by Telmo Zarra, of Athletic Bilbao, in

Sanchez oblised with goals in 10morrow.

the the 37th minute, a header in the 46th and another in the 63rd. He thus equalled the achievement of Alfredo di Ste-

Real won the match 5-2, the last goal being their 107th of the season, another record, and they finished the season if points ahead of the second placed team, Barcelone.

Marseilles took another step towards retaining the French championship by beating Auxerre, who had won their previous seven league matches. Francescoli opened the scoring and Papin made the match safe, with his thirtieth goal of the

Club Bruges won the Belgian championship with a match to spare by beating St Truiden 3-0, while Anderlecht, in second place, could only draw with Beveren. Anderlecht will hope for a better performance when they play Sampdoria in the Cup Winners' Cup in Gothenburg

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

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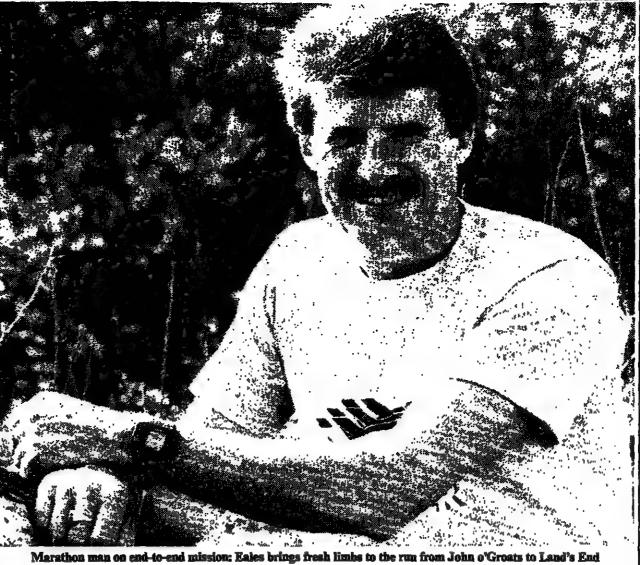


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Eales breaks the ultra-breed mould



Running till you run out of road

By David Powell

Athletics Correspondent

ULTRA runners — the people who think marathons are the easy life — do not, as a rule, communicate well and are mostly inarticulate. So says John Foden, the secretary of their controlling body in Britain and a race director. Foden also assumes that mountainers. and a race director. Poden also assumes that mountainers practise on smaller peaks before trying Everest. The attempt by Paul Esles to run from John o'Groats to Land's End in record time this month comes in defiance of Foden's theories.

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Eales arrives as an imposter on the ultra scene. He has never run an ultra race — 100 kilometres and as far as your legs will carry you in 24 hours are the standard events — but is confident of covering 80 miles a denance of the standard events. confident of covering 80 miles a day for nearly 11 days. A time quicker than 10 days 15 hours 27 minutes would give him the record. It is held by Don Ritchie, which means that it must be good. Anything Ritchie does sends ultra runners as delitional contraction. delirious as teenagers at a Kylie

Minogue concest.

The international hammer thrower, Shane Peacock, and his

coach, Barry Williams, will go to the Soviet Union at the end of

the month to study under the

event's experts there. Soviet

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to Land's End record," Foden says. But can someone like Eales, a mere international Eales, a mere international marathon runner, steal the golden nueget? "Do people climb Everest without training on shorter runs?" Foden says, dismissing his chances. Eales accepts that running the "end-to-end" bears little relation to marathon running. He is a respected marathon figure, having run 32 of his 60 marathons in the colours of his country and with a best time of 2hr 13min

with a best time of 2hr 13min 43sec. He was once ninth in the 43sec. He was once ninth in the London Marathon.

"Ritchie is the master and I am the boy," he acknowledges, "but I believe that with 25 years of athletics in my body, and being the type of person I am, I have the aggression and ability to hang in there. The farthest I have run in one go is 35 miles, and 45 miles in one day. Ritchie, as an ultra runner, has probably fatigued the body and I will be working on the basis of having a fresher set of limbs."

fresher set of limbs." Ritchie's experience of "hang-ing in there" makes the achiev-ers of the London Marathon appear like half-day workers. On

By David Powell

Soon after the 800 metres

runners. Diane Edwards and Ann Williams, returned from the Commonwealth Games

with their respective gold and

fourth day, bronchitis, nose bleeds and intestinal blood lous; snow and sleet fell for much of that day but still, by bedtime, Ritchie was another 80 miles down the road; day five, stom-sch pains and sore mouth, restricting food intake; day seven, more nosebleeds; day 10, chest nain.

chest pain.
Neil Black, the physiotherapist charged with the task of
keeping Eales mobile, says that
the least his patient can expect is the least his panent can expect is soft-tissue soreness to the caives and Achilles tendons, painful ankles, knees, hips and lower back, and skin abrasions such as jogger's nipple. "It's the ultimate challenge for me, too, because I will have to use every trick in the book to keep him. trick in the book to keep him going." Black says. Eales, aged 37, not only presents the antithesis of the

introvert, inarticulate ultra breed to which Foden refers, but believes his skills as a successful communicator will enhance his record challenge. Four years ago Eales was named Stockist of the

pean 100 metres champion, and Steffen Gormer came to Britain for instruction under John

Isaacs, the coach to England's Commonwealth gold and silver medal winners at 200 metres, Marcus Adam and John Regis.

"The idea is not to duplicate

"I can't think of anything the second day of his record run through his own supply commore prestigious in stamins- he developed a fever and sharp pany. "Running a business and A British-Soviet exchange

than the ordinary marathon runner," Eales says. Furthermore, it is because of his success in business that he has secured £45,000 in sponsorship for the Lord's Taverners mp for the Lord's Tavemens mew Horizon mini-bus appeal. "All the big names in our industry — manufacturers, wholesalers and suppliers — have made their pledges," Eales says. With roadside collections, the target is £100,000, but Eales blocks a bicket with roads.

places a higher value on a fast completion. "My first thought is to break the record; the second to break the record; the second is to raise the money," he says. The glossy brochure sent to potential sponsors says the distance is 876 miles. Eales had planned his schedule accordingly. Then reading Ritchie's account of his record run saved him 30 miles. He discovered Biobie's governed was shortes.

Rischie's route was shorter. "The Guinness Book of Records is not concerned with what the distance is, so we have made a few changes," Eales says. "That could make a beck of a dif-ference and I think we have found some variations which miles against Ritchie's run."
The record can be tackled from either end. "I have gone for the psychological approach of going from top to bottom," Eales says. The support team of a dozen which leaves John o'Groats on Thursday will receive guest appearances from personalities

arranged by the Lord's Taverners. There will be a sample New Horizon mini-bus, lead car and lorry displaying names of all sponsors and describing the attempt as the Paper Clip Endurance Marathon. It may seem a bit more razzmatazz than the way Riichie did it, but we have set out our stall on the charity approach," Eales says. Eight days later numbers will

fighters from the Third World. Champions like Myung-Woo

Yuh, Yuh-Woo-Lee and Chong-Kwan Chung are not quite the stuff of household names in the

West. Jimmy Wilde is so much simpler to remember, especially

after an unbroken reign of seven

Perhaps it is best to follow the

example of Bert Sugar, the editor of the American publica-

tion Boxing Illustrated and a respected authority on the sport,

Sugar, who was the first to call

these organizations "the alpha-

bet soup" says. "There's every kind of championship in the

world these days: IBM, ICBM, UFO.

"They're all on television. It's

great for the little guy in his undershirt watching fights at home and refusing to go up to bed. 'I'm not coming up yet,' he shouts to his wife. 'It's because I

got a championship fight here between two guys I haven't heard of."

that it's not alphabet soup any more. It's bouillabaisse. It's

great for boxing, for after all, what is boxing without its

Sugar adds: "It's gotten such

and revel in the confusion.

the events but to get the best for the events but to get the best for the parties involved." Dick said yesterday. "Norman Poole thought it went extremely well in East Germany and, through grow when a company jolly takes Eales's work-mates down towards Cornwall for three days him having gone there, they want an even strong bond with more frequent exchanges and I am comfortable with that." cheering. Eales had better not be late. The office diary has him booked for a sales meeting the following Wednesday.

years.

European event's status may change From Colin McQuillan

SQUASH RACKETS

THE European team championships, which England won here on Sunday, will become a regional qualifying event for the biennial world team championships if the next meeting of the International Squash Rackets

team numbers.
The ISRF world events, which England won at the last women's championship in The Netherlands and Australia won at the last men's champion

The European Squash Rackets Federation, which welcomed its 25th member nation and its first from Eastern Europe when Hungary were elected at Saturday's AGM, plays its championships on teams of three for moreon and five for three for women and five for

Three men teams would bring emerging squash nations closer to the dominant English and would allow for easy blending from Europe into world championship finals of 24 nations. "Regionalization would ac-tually expand the world cham-pionships because many small nations among the 70 ISRF members cannot afford two major team trips in a year and

contest for both economic and local ranking reasons," Joyce
Buckley, the ESRF press officer,
said here. "This way they would
be involved in both
simultaneously."

There is also a move to scheduled regional competitions, such as European petitions, such as European championships, Asian championships and Pan-American championships and Pan-American championships "But it is the smaller nations resisting that."

Buckley said. "In Europe they feel this is their hig event of the year and they would simply miss out completely when the big guns went to the world championships every other year."

Greater concentration is also

Greater concentration is also likely to be placed on strengthening European in-dividual tournaments. Last month's successful launch of a European Open in Karlsruhe is to be followed by a European

closed championship in Rotter-dam in August.

Luddolf Von Usslar, the Ger-man promoter who has underwritten a three-year grand prix finals event from 1991 for the International Squash Players Association, has also extended his European Open agreement with the ESRF to five years. a full women's championship

LISTA EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPION-SHIPE: Final positions: Nen: England, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, Austral, Wales, Ira-Switzerland, Spaint, Voltage, Re-land, France, Denmark, Belgum, Greece, Italy, Nonway, Portugal, Andorra, Cycrus, Luxemburg, Women: England, Netherlands, Finland, Ireland, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, France, Wases, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Austina, Belgum, Monaco, Cyprus, Portugal.

BASKETBALL Educated way of recruiting

By Nicholas Harling

IN THIS highly competitive age no effort is spared by team officials to make sure they have the very best players available.

Take Vic Ambler, the team
manager of the British Student
Sports Federation squad preparing for the World Student
Games in Sheffield next year.

A week ago in Working A week ago in Worthing. Ambler was heard to be seeking

to persuade players from the England senior team to resume their academic careers in order to qualify for his BSSF team. Amid an atmosphere of hilarity which did not entirely conceal the seriousness of Ambler's quest, it was hard in the circumstances not to sym-pathise with the former England

do something with your life," Ambler told Jason Fogerty, the 6ft 9in England centre, who had just collected the majority of his team's rebounds against Iceland for the second night running.

"You find me an insulution where I don't have to turn up at all and I'll enrol," Fogerty said in reply. A bewildered Ronnie Baker, the equally invaluable England guard, was then approached in much the same way. By way of explanation, Ambler said: "The Germans do it, the Russians do and the Americans do it. Why should't

It was, therefore, with some envy that Dan Lloyd, the senior England team's assistant coach looked on at West Drayton over the weekend as the BSSF squad twice defeated his England under-21 team, by 87-79 and 88-78. With the restrictions of an age limit, there's nothing that Lloyd can do to obtain better

players.
In fact, his choice was restricted by the needs of the BSSF team, who took at least three of the players, Nick Cooke, from Birmingham, Dillon Cole, of London Docklands and Nei! Hopper, of Doncaster, who might have served his team well.
It is hardly surprising that Lloyd will recommend that this under-21 team venture be scrapped in favour of an under-23 team. With an under-23 team we would have a more realistic group of players who have the potential to make the senior English team. We had some kids of 17 out there who hadn't even made the England junior team." Lloyd said.

He feels, not surprisingly, that some players on the fringe of the senior team such as Russell Taylor of Hemel Royals, would mature more quickly if the English Basket Ball Association strong winds which are normal was to nurture a slightly older

with their respective gold and silver medals, they travelled with their coach. Norman Poole, to East Germany. There they trained with Sigrun Wodars, the world and Olympic champion, Christine Wachtel, the world and Olympic silver medal winner, and their coach. hammer throwers won all three medals at the Seoul Olympic Games two years ago. In return, the Soviet Union has been In exchange, Frank Emmelmann, the former Euro-

THE success of Britain's recent tuition under a top British coach

reciprocal training arrangement with East Germany has eacouraged the national director of coaching, Frank Dick, to extend the experiment into the Commonwealth Garrangement in the Commonwealth Garran

Alphabet soup turns to bouillabaisse

By Srikumar Sen **Boxing Correspondent**

NIGEL Benn's victory over Doug DeWitt, of the United States, at Atlantic City last week was universally praised. The West Ham middleweight looked impressive lifting the World Boxing Organization (WBO)

From the way Benn's manager, Ambrose Mendy, was talk-ing afterwards of making \$11 million, it was as if he were about to cash in on the crown

The British Boxing Board of Control, though delighted with Benn's performance because it was "good for British boxing", thought the WBO crown was little more than paste.

John Morris, the board sec-retary, said: "I take great plea-sure in Nigel's victory. I have congratulations. However, the fact remains that we do not at the present time recognize the WBO." It is difficult to take seriously a world organization that considers as its world heavyweight champion, Fran-

others are the WBA, WBC, IBF, Marty Cohen, a well-meaning visions are ruled by hungry WAA, UBO and IBC. They are known collectively in the trade as the alphabet men. The British board recognizes only the first

The WBA is the oldest, it took over from the NBA in 1962 but a group of businessmen on the west coast of America who were unhappy at the treatment José Napoles was receiving, decided to form their own organization, the WBC, in 1963.

The IBF arrived in 1988 when Larry Holmes, the world heavyweight champion, and Marvin Hagler, the world middleweight champion, fell out with the WBC and WBA respectively and took their business to the

new body. Pat O'Grady needed no such heavyweights to launch his WAA in 1980. He had his son, Sean, the lightweight champion who had lost his title controver-sially to Jim Wan. Little is known about the UBO except that it is run by one Richard

Burton, of Kentucky. The WBO, yet another splin-ter from the WBA, was inaugurated in 1988 when Thomas Hearns was looking for a fifth The WBO is the sixth in line world title. The IBC arrived last of seven world bodies. The week and is the creation of

92-year-old millionaire from Florida who manages Michael Dokes, the world heavyweight contender. More world bodies could be added to the list when the Russians, East Europeans and

hopefully, the Cubans, the best boxers in the world, join the professional ranks in force. Angelo Dundee, the famous trainer, said: "Hey, soon you're going to need a federal authority to look after all these guys who are looking after us."

Sometimes, those who knew the good old days of Dempsey, Louis and Robinson become upset at the thought of so many bodies complicating boxing. But they forget that there were just as many bodies producing just as many claimants to world titles in their time: the IBU,

boxers.

NBA, EBU, GB, New York, Pennsylvania, California and The championships seemed easier to follow in those days because competition was less

Today the nine lighter di- characters?"

fierce, there were 10 divisions compared to 17 today, and the sport was dominated by American, British and European

TRIATHLON

Cook faces strong field in Lanzarote

By Ian Sweet

THE Vulcan Triathlon, which is being held today at Club La Santa, Lanzarote, is over the full international distance of 1.5km (0.93 miles) swimming, 40km (25 miles) cycling and 10km (64 miles) running and has the added prestige of being for the EEC championship.

as being one of the premier warm-weather training areas. Many European countries splendid sporting facilities on hand to assemble their national squads for some intensive training, culminating in today's race.

The leading British triathletes, the majority of whom have just returned from their winter training camp in Zimbabwe, are out in force and are looking to repeat the form vol- they showed in 1988. year, and the Belgian champion

successful two years ago and went on to become one of the leading forces in European triathlon. He certainly has every intention of staying among those in the top echelon

the other British competitors who could be a threat to Cook in future years but all will be hard field which includes the Dane.

The favourite for the wom-en's title must be Britain's Sarah Coope, although she will no doubt be pushed all the way by her compatriot, Sarah Springman, as well as Irma Zwartkruis, from The Netherlands, and the French

However, the toughest challenge to all the competitors, who include 17 from Britain, could turn out to be from the heat and at this time of year, on team. Vic Ambler might also be ביים ארדים וותחושים הייני ביין ויים

Richard Hobson is just one of

pressed to make their mark in a Jan Dangaard, who won last

girl, Jeannine de Roysscher.

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Bang, like the sound of a gunshot, went our mast support and challenge for third place

Everyone on deck to see Britain's bright hopes sink

100 miles east of George-town, South Carolina,

DISASTER struck us at 7.15GMT. It was blowing 23 knots and we were pushing the boat hard under a full mainsail and No. 3 genoa into the steep swells of the Gulf Race

On the previous tack, we and be back to our position had taken 10 miles out of Merit, our rival for third place overall, to the east, which has been shadowing Peter Blake's leading yacht, Steinlager.

We were the most northerly boat, riding the strongest part of the Stream with The Card immediately behind and Fisher & Paykel to leeward.

We were just congratulating ourselves for having recovered from such a poor start when bang . . . the port diagonal rod supporting the middle of the mast broke in two, the gunshot sound being the only warning which brought everyone up on deck.

Without this essential support, the mast bent over like a longbow, leaving us only sec-onds to throw the boat on to the opposite tack and save it from breaking in two. We did ... just, but it took a little longer for the reality to sink in.

Unless something equally dramatic befalls Steinlager, Fisher & Paykel or Merit, our chase for third place is spent. Now, the race is to retain fourth place from Roger Nilson's Swedish ketch, The Card, and Charles Jourdan, the French yacht skippered by Alain Gabbay, who balked us so badly at the start.

Rothmans had a comfortable 92-hour cushion over The Card and a 103-hour lead over Charles Jourdan at the start of this final leg back to Southampton. It is far from comfortable now but, with luck, we should be able to reach Georgetown, replace both D3 rods (the starboard rod merely as a precaution)

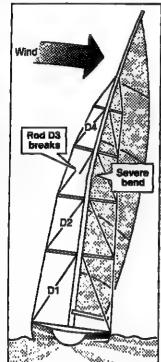


within 30 hours.

Pit stops in a strange port are always more involved than at a racetrack. But within minutes of our calling back to base, our shore crew were sorting out the logistics. New cobalt rods, machined to size, have been rushed down from Charlottesville in north caro-

The team has flown up from Fort Lauderdale and a crane is standing by to pull the entire mast out if required. If all goes well, we will be tied up for no more than an hour.

During the lonely sail in, we



Where disaster struck

Sunstone gains overall win in slow opener

By Malcolm McKeag

THE 1990 offshore racing season got off to a slow start - and that is official - over the weekend when David Head's Beneteau 51 Aida, first to finish, took almost 40 hours to com-plete the 155-mile Cervantes Trophy course from Cowes to Le Havre, by way of the Dorset

Aida's average speed was just under four knots, the limit at which the Royal Ocean Racing Club's regulations officially de-clare a "slow race" and bring into force special radio reporting

itors remain accounted for This was the first race in which the main trophy went to yachts racing under the rel-atively new International Measurement System, but there was nothing new about the

overall winner: Tom and Vicki Jackson's Sunstone. This remarkable Sparkman and Stephens design, which celebrates her 21st birthday later this year, appears able to win under any system the handicappers can devise - although in this case perserverance must account for

Two-thirds of the fleet retired, principally out of boredom.

NESULTE RORC Carrier Troops Nesultana (Mr and Mrs T Jackson, S&S one-off), etapsed time 34th 48min 46sec; 2. Protein (J. Brachney, Sigma 38), 38:25.33; 3. Acrobs (D. Whitworth, Sigma 38), 38:55.30. International Offshore Rule: 1. Kett Braz (A. Hurtestice, Bered) 39:38.52; 2. Ctroen (W Borrel, Humphreys 1 Ton) 39:53.38; 3. Ada of Brighton (D. Head, Benerieu 51) 43:05.28 CHS: 1, Highreymin (Sr. Peter Johnson, 8t, Humpreys 39) 42:53.38; 2. Panc. 3(B Leth, X-99) 43:09.59; 3. Impromptu (N. Hartehom, Holland 41) 44:57.32.

have all anguished over why a 7.9mm diameter solid cobalt rod, with a breaking strain of 18,500lb, should snap after more than 40,000 miles. We chose cobalt because it is 20 per cent stronger than The end fittings have been

tested for signs of fatigue at each port and Neil Cheston, our rigger, painted each rod with stress dye during our stay in Fort Lauderdale to check for any visual flaws.

Short of X-raying each section of rod, we have taken every possible precaution, even going to the extreme of replacing the D3s in Auckland after one of these diagonals failed on UBF Finhad and led to her being dismasted in the

Yet, these checks failed to spot the weak link, resulting in a £13,000 rod jeopardizing the £4 million Rothmans project. All we can do is put it behind us, filed under "experience" and work to regain the lost

We did the same after the fiasco at the start, where Charles Jourdan refused to give us right of way. Somehow i expected skippers at this level to know that port tack gives way to starboard, yet he maintained his course for more than a minute, forcing both of us over the line early.

We could protest, but the three minutes lost turning round counts for little during an 18-day race - certainly a lot less than a broken stay.

Another aspect of the start that surprised me was the lack of effective policing by the United States Coastguard. This was by far the worst start as far as spectator boats were

Everything from speedboats to gin palaces continually cut across our bows, slowing us down. Even the British destroyer, HMS Newcastle, was more of a hindrance than help, steering a course close to weather of us, blanketing our wind completely.

 Gatorade, another early casualty, was back at sea yesterday after her Italian crew spent eight hours in Jacksonville repairing the spreader that broke on Sunday by welding reinforcing plates on either side. The diversion has cost the maxi more than 250 miles on the leaders.

250 miles on the leaders.

LEADING POSTTICHE (at 1) 255GAT yesterday with miles to Southamptont fluxis division: 1. Fisher & Payled (G Delton, NZ), 3,400; 2. Steinlager 2 (P Blake, NZ), 3,410; 3. Belmont Finland (H Heriston, Finl, 3,419; equal 4, Merit (P Ferbinann, Bw) and The Card (R Nison, Seva), 3,421; 6. UBF Finland (L Ingvall, Finl), 3,430; 7. Fortune (J Sentiana, Sp), 3,435; 8, Fazzis (V Alexaev, USSR), 3,436; NCB Instand (J English, Ire), 3,441; 10, Setauce British Delender (Cdr C Wattens, GB), 3,453; 11, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 3,460; 12, Liverpool Emisprise (B Sattmon, GB), 3,466; 19, Gatorade (J Herve, Ir), 3,662. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Naute, Neth.), 3,466. Division 2: 1, Le Poste (S Malle, Fr), 3,466; 2. Schlussel von Bremen (H Multer-Rohit, WG), 3,471; equal 3, L Esprit de Liberté (P Tabarty, Fr) and Rucanor Sport (B Dubois), 3,465; Cruisser divisions 1, Creightone Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 3,460; 2, With Integrity (A Coghāl, GB), 3,479.

Gallic camaraderie thrives on La Poste's ocean round

AS THE 22 remaining Whit-bread Round the World Race welcomes they have received at on the final stage back to Southampton, eight French postmen sailing on La Poste, the smallest vacht, dread just one thing — returning to the drudg-ery of being postal employees.

"We have been sailing to-gether for 1½ years. It will be very difficult aow to go back to handling mail," Serge Richard, aged 36, a delivery man who was taken off his Paris beat to represent the French Post Of-

The challenge was conceived by Daniel Malle, a former postmaster, from Nantes, who has already escaped the 4amnoon routine — he runs the sailing school within the Post Office Sporting Association. He persuaded his paymasters to allow seven others to do the same by sponsoring their effort, will cost around

£650,000. At 51ft, some 6ft shorter than their closest opposition, their production Beneteau yacht stands no chance of winning any silverware. After five legs, however, they have won the un-doubted admiration of the public and fellow competitors for their dogged determination to sail their own race to the best

Laughing now at the early comparisons between their per-

sorter and Ricard, the only delivery postman, have a mixed welcomes they have received at each port of call. In Auckland,

10,000 went down to the quay to cheer these amateurs home at the end of the third stage. The local post office shut two hours early to allow the staff to join in the celebrations. It was as if the other 22 entries had merely provided the warm-up to the biggest act in the race. "We've had a fantastic recep-

tion at every port, with each post office turning out in force to welcome us," Malle said. The skipper, aged 44, the only professional on board, returns

ome next month to continue giving sailing lessons. His seven crew were selected from 371 applicants, including 30 women, who were whittled down during 36,000 miles of training. "I was not looking for topnotch sailors," Malle said.

wanted people whom I could train and take as high as possible having been selected, proud of representing the post office and proud of what we have done." It is a credit to his selection that while other crews, sailing in considerably more comfort, have fought among themselves and dropped by the way, the eight La Poste men, who have endured the worst for the longest periods, remain together. His team, which numbers an inspec-

accurate to get the ball, keep it

amount of pressure in the first

15 minutes and did well to hold

their own. When they did get

their game together, accidents started and five Germans went

It was disconcerting and the rhythm of the game, hard

enough to establish, was soon

Sandy Lister, the captain,

saved the situation many times for England and her goalkeeper,

Jo Thompson, was lucky at times not to concede a goal. The

defence of both countries was far better than the attack, and neither side was willing to risk

anything. A little sense of adven-

ture might have brought the long-sought-after goal.

SNGLAND: J Thompson: A Sowerby (sub: M Langedge, sub: C Brewer). K Brown (sub: T Fry), S Lister (captain), J Alfords, V Dwon, K Parker, M Langedge (sub: A Sowerby), M Newll, C Brewer (sub: A Sowerby), T Miller, K Edwards, T Fry (sub: K Brown), J Sixsmith.

WEST GERMANY: S Wollschloger, T Declarated, R Rauschin, K Pellers, B Becker, H Kuhnt, C Ferneck, A Wild, E Hagenbaumer, C Jongicham, H Latzsch.

and use it.

England sustained a

Some have been sailing for as long as 16 years, but for others, like Jean-Michel Foxonet, a broad-shouldered rugby player broad-shouldered rugby player from Paris, previous experience amounted to capsizing in a friend's 420 dinghy many years ago. The hardest parts of the voyage have been the second and fourth legs through the southern ocean. "On average we were knocked down 10 times on each leg." Malle recalled. "Rounding Cape Horn we faced a 75-knot sale and eight-metre.

a 75-knot gale and eight-metre seas that kept pooping us. The waves just ran right down the boat. That was bad." Despite the size of their boat and the limited time available to make repairs once in port, the

within seven to 12 days behind Peter Blake's leading New Zealand ketch, Steinlager 2, on each leg of the race. Will they enter such a small boat again? "No," Malle replied

emphatically. "We want a max next time." The French skipper has high hopes of getting the International Postal Union to sponsor a boat in the next race. The plan is for it be crewed by an international team of postal

played an interesting scoreless draw. The Koreans had more of

the ball: their stickwork was

often exceptional and their positioning an art known only to

the Koreans. The question is,

why did they not score? But the same can be asked about the Dutch. They were not allowed to play their usual game; but they had seven penalty corners which usually could have

which usually could have brought them at least five goals.

Both teams respected the other's ability and, though both

wanted to win, neither could risk a loss and the game became

more defensive: a situation not characteristic of the Koreans. But they have learnt to cover

one another cleverly and their interceptions of the Dutch

passes were fantastic, especially those of Han Keum Sil and the passing of Jang Eun Jung and Cho Kyu Soon, was an object

The only thing the Koreans

rally lacked was aggression in front of goal. Netherlands lost to Korea 0-2 the last time they met in the Champions Trophy and they nearly scored yesterday in

workers, including some from Britain. Ricard is banking on that, too. "It's the only way I can comparisons between their per- tor, two electricians, two cheque see to avoid going back to formance and second-class post, men from the financial sector, a delivering mail," he says.

The best of both worlds and his wife were there

THE trick, as in the television advertisement, is to know a man who knows. Better still if he has a wife who knows, too. Thus, last Saturday, I had the best of several worlds: warm, sunny out-in-the-garden weather, first-class sport on every available television channel and The Man and His Wife in turn rugby and cross-country experts. You must, of course, be careful not to be misled by your experts. Keep them to their expertise.

We nipped to the pub to watch the 2,000 Guineas from

Newmarket. The Man, a National Hunt supporter, remarked aloud to the gathering, as the horses met the rising ground two furlongs from home, that it was a helluva long run to the first".

Hardly anybody laughed

but we cheered up no end at the sight of what looked like all the people in the world who are called Horgan trying to kiss Richard Hannon after

Tirol's victory.

Apart from the charming
Mrs Hannon, I hardly ever meet anvone else who wants to kiss Richard Hannon but it takes all sorts and what the television was able to show the armchair punters was that there is a man for whom this sport is first, middle and last —

On then to the cup final from Twickenham. Even the words "cup final" are beginning to seem correct for rugby now and, whereas 10 years ago you would not have found a dozen casual observers who knew what teams were in the final, Twickers was packed, the conditions perfect and two fine teams were playing good,

open rugby.

My Man has forgotten more about rugby than most people know. When Bath were leading by a mere dozen points, he muttered: "This could end up 40 or 50." Bath, in the end, scored 48 points. I was impressed.

My Man also pointed out how cruel a game rugby can be when you are losing and the world is watching on television. "You have no place to hide," he remarked. We pondered, not for the first time, on why grown men who are allowed to vote and raise families try to stand on other men's heads with rugby boots. In rugby, as The Man pointed out, if you cheat, someone gets hurt. Saturday's referee saw to it that if you

cheat you leave the field. It is fashionable to sigh for the old days of television, to grow misty-eyed and mutter that there are not any sit-coms around like there used to be. Maybe there are not. The compensation is that almost every time sport is covered on television that coverage gets

Some commentators talk too much. They should listen to Peter Alliss, Alex Hay and Clive Clark covering the golf. A word, a single sentence or a phrase is enough.

Somehow the real expert manages to tell you things which are useful at the same time to other experts and Alliss's skill. Reminiscent of to the fun.

the second half when there was

only the Korean goalkeeper to beat. But the Korean timed her

tackle to perfection and stale-

draw, it was a riveting game to

In contrast, New Zealand enjoyed a bucketful of goals, beating the United States 6-1,

with three in the first half and

three in the second by Tina Bell (2), Kate Trolove (2), Sue Duggan and Anna Lawrence, with Barbara Marois, the cap-

tain, snatching one back for the

struggling Americans in the 29th

watch.



ist and broadcaster, gives his appraisal of the weekend's sport on television

Henry Longhurst's perfect piece of commentary when an American with a two-foot putt for the Open missed. "Oh, dear," Henry said. Enough

This weekend we could see golf shots careering into hopeless positions, all that we needed and, thankfully, all we got was the odd confirming phrase from our experts.

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If you have to watch golf, then television is the best bet: it saves you walking and you can get a drink whenever you like without queuing or

The Man's wife was the star of the weekend. She is a horsewoman. She under-stands the Badminton Trials. She can pass on knowledge. Rather in the way one watches cricket on telly with the sound down and Radio 3 turned up, we watched Badminton through His Wife's cyes.

What does a horse need for this three-day event? "Three things, interestingly enough: cross-country skills that are boldness and courage; dres-sage skills that are discipline and calmness; and show jumping skills where more control is required than in the

You know, I may be fooling myself, but as I watched Badminton over the weekend I felt I was beginning to spot the required qualities as time went on. You do not have to be on television to know what suppose another great plea-sure to be derived from sport on television comes to those mini-experts sitting at home providing their own com-

Good sports coverage -British television sports coverage is the best in the world and, if you do not believe it, fly to America some weekend and watch - has all the qualities of never-ending drama with a good sprinkling of audience participation.

I left the room at one staduring the golf when Mr Ballesteros was asking for a ruling and hoping for "relief (from a bad lie). When I returned a few minutes later a chorus of people told me: "Seve didn't get relief."

We might as well have been in Cornwall on the course itself. Since all amateur sport is an activity in which ambition constantly outruns fulfilment, it is also nice for golf duffers to see pro-fessionals make mistakes; it is nice for the horsy set to see mistakes which do not cause injury and, when it is all done . casual observers. That is in blazing sunshine, that adds .

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lydon's year ends on low note

By a Special Correspondent WARRINGTON are reporting Joe Lydon, the Wigan inter-national, to the Rugby League for a tackle on Paul Bishop in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Brian Johnson, Warrington's Australian coach, said, "We feel that, although the tackle was not too late, it was definitely illegal use of the elbow or forearm. I

thought the Rugby League were supposed to be looking at these incidents but we have heard nothing and have been forced to Bishop, the Warrington scrum half, was carried off after the tackle in the 36-14 defeat and Johnson added. "He was heavily concussed and badly bruised. Paul would certainly

not have been fit to play if we had reached the Premiership semi-finals. We feel we are getting no protection from certain reference " The stand-off half, Shaun Edards. of Wigan, received a depressed fracture of the cheek-bone in the final, handled by John Holdsworth, but Johnson

said, "That was caused by an accidental collision of heads."

The British squad for the tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand could be about to lose Lydon, who has suffered a recurrence of a long-standing ankle injury. A final decision about his fitness is likely to be made in the next 48 hours. • Dean Bell, the New Zealand

centre and former international captain, has agreed to sign a new two-year contract with Wigan.
The contract means that Bell,
aged 28, will be unavailable to
New Zealand for this summer's series against the Great Britain tourists: "The new deal includes a clause that Dean will not play down under during the off-season and an agreement that he retires from international foot-ball," Maurice Lindsay, the

Wigan chairman, said.

VOLLEYBALL

Reschedule must avoid Dighton so oasis in pre-final spell

THE Scottish Volleyball should be no such clash next Association will need to give year. serious thought to rescheduling the Royal Bank Scottish Cup finals for earlier in the eason. ing Glasgow Bannerman 15-8, The finals at Meadowbank 15-6, 11-15, 15-8 for their

on Saturday were staged fully seven weeks after the semifinals and eight weeks after the end of the league programme. While the cup finals are the highlight of the domestic calendar, they are now an oasis in exceeded their grasp at that a barren spell for volleyball. There were no more than

500 spectators watching the finals and there is a case for bringing the finals forward to a more active time of the sea-son. There is no reason why the finals could not be played the weekend after the semifinals to maintain interest.

The speciacle suffers with finalists often rusty through lack of match practice and teams that have the most effective build-up programme triumph.

Preparations for the British youngsters next season. Volleyball Federation Championships in Glasgow congested the programme at the ter, John Gaughan, who has end of the season but there measles.

Adscreen Kyle, predictable winners in the finals, retained the women's trophy by beat-

second successive women's

league and cup double. Whether they decide to play in European for a fourth successive year remains to be seen, but their reach has level in the last three years. They have failed to win a match and the financial losses have not been encouraging. Krystal Klear, who defeated

Kinleith Plant 14-16, 15-6, 15-2, 15-3 to clinch the men's cup on Saturday, will next season be without David Robertson, Jim McKenna, the former Scottish international captain,

has been groomed to take over as player-coach and, with the squad not getting any younger, he needs to blood some Kinleith were handicapped without their key outside hit-

through from fourth to secon

ORIENTEERING

Surprise on first lap

By a Special Correspondent the first lap.
Steve Hale brought OK Tyr

STEVE Palmer, of Britain, pro- finishing in eighticth place on duced the surprise result of the day in the Tio Mila 10-stage international club relay at Sollentuna in Sweden last weekend when, running for
Storatuna II, he finished first on
the first lap.

Storatuna II, he finished first on
the first lap.

His lead of 2min 23seccould for victory. have proved vital to Storatuna I, who finished third overall after Storatuna, I, 11:02:54.

tired but happy

By Peter Bryan

GARY Dighton, who recorded the season's fastest 50 miles time on Sunday — a speedy I hr 48min 28sec — was again a winner yesterday in the Glen-dale C and AC 25 miles in 55min 02sec.
"My legs ached because of the

effort I put into the previous day's 50-mile trial," he said. He was disappointed with his sixth place in last year's British Best Airounder competition and has finishing fourth in 1988 and has made changes to his training programme this season. Dighton has been riding fewer trials and has kept away largely from standard distance events at

10 and 25 miles because he finds them too boring.

A Peterborough Post Office worker, Dighton competes for Manchester Wheelers, His first national championship, at 25 miles, is next month, and he then rides in the 50 and 100-mile still assents and the 12

DOUIT. Dighton's team colleague, Ed-die Adkins, the former triple 25mile champion, rode the year's second fastest trial at the dis-tance in yesterday's High Wycombe event with a time of 52min 57sec. John Pritchard, Britain's 50-

mile holder, made it three successes over the holiday when he won the Abergavenny 10-mile trial in 21 min 39sec, for his seventeenth victory of the sca-

SOTI 12 Condent C and 46 C STATE OF THE SOTI IN CONTROL OF T Banana-Falcon team's tally of stage wins when he took yes-terday's 69-mile fifth leg of the Lancashire Enterprises Tour pro-am from Preston to Fleet-wood. Walker outsprinted the Great Britain amateur, Wayne Randle, after they had escaped

CYCLING

Olympic champions are next in line for England and neither side was sufficiently Netherlands and South Korea

Lister to rescue as Germans are held

From Joyce Whitehead

England... West Germany....

ENGLAND surmounted one of the last two hurdles in pool A in the women's World Cup here yesterday when they held West Germany to a goalless draw, giving them seven points. Engand tomorrow face Australia, the Olympic champions and group favourites.

West Germany have five

points and play Argentina to-morrow while Australia have five points and play Japan today and England tomorrow, though nothing is certain yet about which teams will make the semi-

In pool B, Netherlands are sure to be top with Spain, New Zealand and South Korea fighting for second place. England and Netherlands are the only two teams out of 12 with their goal intact. Yesterday's match soon

By Sydney Friskin

SIR William Borlase School from Marlow resisted a spiroted challenge from Calday Grange to hold on to the Nationwide Anglia Youth Cup at under-18 evel, with a 3-2 victory in the final at Coventry, yesterday. Calday Grange started well, with a goal in the loth minute scored indirectly from a short corner by Fox, but gained nothing from two more shorts

when Adlington levelled the Sir William Borlase established a 3-1 lead in the second half, with goals by Hodson and Nicklen, but they had a scare when Bass converted a short corner for Calday Grange with from a 10-strong splinter group | five minutes to spare.

corners, eventually to lose their advantage almost on half-time

Bass has holders groggy with late goal Borlase ran up a 3-0 lead against Repton through Nicklin, Way and Hoskin, leaving Spencer to

reply for Repton from a penalty stroke. Calday Grange emerged from their semi-final with a deserving 3-2 win over Wellington College, last year's runners-up, whose two goals were scored from short corners by Bill Waugh. Calday Grange scored first through Fox from a short corner and there were further goals by Harvey, who levelled at 2-2. Fox scoring the winning

goal from a penalty stroke. Sir William Borlase and Wellington College finished at the top of their respective pools after Sunday's play, each having dropped one point.

There were more thrills in the

under-16 final, which was won by Felsted, who prevailed over the favourties, Kingston Grammar School, on penalty strokes after the scores were tied at 3-3 in the final.

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Kingston Grammar School went ahead with an early goal by Matton, but Slater equalized with a brilliant individual effort almost on balf-time. He put Felsted 2-I in front in the third minute of the second half, the chance having been act up by Surridge and Maskell. But Kingston Grammar School went 3-2 ahead, with goals by Alexander from a penalty stroke and Wallis, and held their advantage until Slater scored on send the match into extra-time

and penalty strokes. Last year's winners, St

Under-til: Pool A: Sir William Bortese 2, Tyne-mouth 0: Sir William Bortese 5, Tyne-mouth 0: Sir William Bortese 1, Calday Grange 1: Canford 7, Tynemouth 0: Canford 0, Calday Grange 0: Tynemouth 0: Calday Grange 5, Pool B: Watford GS 0, Royal Grammar School High Wycombe 1: William 1, Weilington College 4; William 2, Repton 4: RGS High Wycomb 0, Weilington College 0: RGS High Wycombe 0, Repton 2: Weilington College 1, Repton 0, Senti-Sinals: Sir William Bortese 3, Repton 1; Weilington College 2, Calday Grange 3, Flast: Sir William Bortese 3, Calday Grange 2.

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Sandbach 1: Cantord 0, Daneford 3;
Felsted 3, Sandbach 1, Felsted 4,
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Felsted 5: Warwick 1, Finat: Kingston 3,
Felsted 3 (Felsted won 4-3 on penalty

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The ever-rising cost of equestrianism keeps the sport's middle-order rivals of the future tethered to the breadline

Cavalry in need of sponsors at the gallop

THE British Empire was built by infantry and cavalry, give or take the odd midshipman. In search of an identity to replace pride of empire, the latent infantry atta-ches itself, in historical fashion, to

It is peculiar that commercial sponsors these days pour their money into the leisure pursuit of the infantry, with all its disagreeable fringe action and overpaid stars, but fights shy of supporting the cavalry: in other words, the three-day events of equestrianism.

While Leeds and their followers on Saturday were recreating the Battle of Rorke's Drift in and around the innocent town of Bournemouth, 50 miles further west a much larger crowd of redundant empire builders, some quarter of a million were engrossed in the Whitbread Horse Trial Championships at Bad-



minton; where the only offence is the calling card left by more dogs than there were hooligans in Bournemouth. If football for more than a century has been the essence of relaxation in industrial England, horsemanship has been the rural skill for far longer. The pity is that in the ever-escalating cost of equestrianism, middle-order rivals of the future such as Mark Mingo, a farmer's son from Devon, can barely afford the butter on their bread, never mind

Last year, his first at Badminton, Mingo was one of only three riders, with Todd and Stark,

the cross country on his trusty bay gelding, Saucy Gift. They finished twelfth overall, and were placed on the long-list of candidates for the European championship. At 23 Mingo, like a number of others his age, has talent but needs backing. Some he gets from his father, who pays him £45 per week and maintains the horses within the running of his farm at

saddlery chainstore allows him some cost-price equipment. However, this year Sancy Gift made errors on the final day of showjumping to finish thirtieth, respectable but hardly headlines. The omens are not good.

Whimple. Yet every year Mingo

has to sell one of his hetter horses

to balance the books, to be able to

afford the horsebox diesel and

competition costs; though he can

never afford to compete abroad. A

sponsor by the end of the year, I'll have to pack up," Mingo says. "I'd like to reach my potential, but at present I'm a nobody. I have good parents, and good horses, but I cannot continue indefinitely living off my dad, taking money out

He would never sell the 11-yearold Saucy Gift, "Not after he's been round Beaufort twice," Mingo says affectionately. "He's never known what 'no' means. I'll be happy just looking at him in a In this way is so much talent lost

to the sport. Some promising riders, such as this year's winner, Nicola McIrvine, have the backing of a father able to give the same financial commitment as a sponsor; but even he has obliged his daughter to buy young rather than experienced horses, "If you want to have them, you must work them and make them," he has said. Winning Badminton was worth a mere £5,000 in prizemoney. Hugh Thomas, 12 years a competitor, second in 1976 and now the director and course igner of Badminton, is in a working party looking into the future pattern of prize-money. Frustratingly, a questionnaire sent out to the 7,000 owners and riders of the Horse Trials section of the British Horse Society produced only 100 replies, but the answer in one respect was unanimous: don't worry about prize money, just

keep costs down. Maintaining a single horse in competition requires about £7,000 per annum, if all equipment, food and labour is "bought in". Top riders need two or three competing horses and another three training. Badminton gives a £300 grant for completing the course. modation and food for grooms: and still manages to contribute, last year, £130,000 out of profits to

Although Badminton prizemoney has more than kept pace with inflation over 20 years, it is still minimal compared with major professional sports, yet this sport continues to expand at between five and 10 per cent a year. This is because in recent times the income of the middle classes has expanded, yet without the sponsorship of Whitbread even an event as hugely-popular as Badminton could not survive.

Whitbread support, including such facilities as a modern media centre, is some £200,000 a year, small compared with their outlay on the Round the World Yacht Race. And, as with the ocean

tain a harmonious balance be-tween the intrinsic qualities of the sport and their own commercial returns. Whithread is a lesson to all in the sponsorship field in their attempts to regenerate industry and education in deprived areas, in supporting the Youth Training

"We actually believe in reinvesting in the community from whom we draw our profits," Tim Thwaites, a Whitbread director, says. "You cannot gear life all the time to the bottom line of profit. We would like to be in the same position at Badminton as in ocean racing [in which the event is synonymous with the name of the sponsor) but we're prepared to be patient. If the media did not recognize our involvement, we wouldn't go on - and maybe we wouldn't be replaced."

Late renaissance of Douglas

By Richard Enton

DESMOND Douglas scored one of the most popular wins ever when he beat the titleholder, Alan Cooke, and the top seed, Carl Prean, to regain the Leeds National champiouship at Oldham and extend his record to 11 titles. Two months short of his 35th birthday, he played two hard five-game matches against the outstanding young men of the past two seasons and

In between, he won the doubles, and the achievement was bound to overshadow even that of Fiona Elliot, who became the first women's triple champion since 1972. "It gave me almost as much pleasure as when I won it the first time," Douglas said. That was 14 years ago.

The secret of his 8-21, 21-17, 21-17, 17-21, 21-12 victory in the final against Prean was his ability to keep the feet moving enough to get the forehand loops and forehand hits into the action, even from the backhand side. Against Cooke in the semi-finals, Douglas did that for two games and then went passive. At 11-14 down in the final game, having lost such a long lead, he had looked on the way

But suddenly Douglas resurrected his ability to get in beautifully controlled attacks, supplemented with tight serving got him into the final. Douglas also came back from 4-10 and 6-11 down in the third game against Prean, and much of the psychological initiative swung towards the third-seeded older man after

It had been difficult for



The big hit: Fiona Elliot, the first English women's triple champion since 1972, in action against Alison Gordon

allegations from Cooke's supporters that the wrong man had been made the top seed. He played well in patches but the pressure may have played its part in bringing him down. At 22, however, he should get many more opportunities to

the one that will stick in the

Prean, who has never won the memory most. It was three Limited title and had been subjected to years since his last title and more years left in him yet.

But Douglas's success was

WOMEN: Singles: Semi-finalis: F Ellot (Staffs) bt A Gordon (Berks), 20-22, 21-18, 11-21, 21-17, 21-15; A Holt (Lancs) bt L Lomas (Beds), 11-27, 22-20, 12-12, 21-11, 21-19. Final: F Ellot (Staffs) bt Holt. 12-21, 22-21, 21-11, 21-14. Doubtes: Semi-finalis: L Lomas (Beds) and F Elhot (Staffs) bt J Shaw (Yorks) and J Houghton (Kem), 21-14, 17-21, 21-13; A Holt (Lancs) and A Gordon (Berks) bt H Lower (Staffs) and J Harris (Staffs). 21-14, 21-15. Final: Lomas and Ellot to Gordon and Holt, 19-21, 21-19, 21-19.

Stourbridge, the Birmingham league champions, collected

league champions, conected only two points from a draw with Old Hill, whose opener, Mark Sedgeley, batted 50 overs for an unbeaten 96. After making 261 for six, Old Hill restricted Stourbridge to 186 for

Teddington, the national club champions after bearing Old Hill last September, had two matches, against Barclay's and

Banks, abandoned through rain towards the end of their tour of

Barbados and lost to St Eliza-beth's Hospital, Bridgetown, by 74 runs. Peter Mills, the Teddington captain returning after breaking a thumb last summer, made 31 of their 87 all

Early surprises in the Cock-

spur Cup included the defeat of Weston-super-Mare by Staple

ton. Walsall, Warrington and New Town and Cheadle, other

many had thought he was too old to do it again. Instead he showed that he is as slim as ever and that much of his wonderful feel for the ball remains, and that it is quite possible that the best English player of modern times has

Another young player trying to win the national title for the first time also narrowly failed. Andrea Holt, aged 19, beat the title holder, Lisa Lomas, 11-21, 22-20, 12-21, 21-19, 21-19 in the semi-finals and then lost the final in four games to Elliot, the champion three years ago. However, Holt, who is coached by the former World Cup winner from China, Chen Xinhua, lifted a few hearts with her wellworked first success against

It not only ensured both adaptable opponent. Against the defensive backspin.

hands: it offered hope for improvement in the problematic state of the English women's game. Holt was close to defeat at 12-15 in the fourth game, but won it with a net cord at 20-19, and then won the match after another disruptive turn of events at 19-19 in the fifth game. 21, 21-11, 21-14.

At that moment the 12stroke expedite rule was invoked in a long-drawn-out match between two defenders, because that game had lasted more than the permitted 15 minutes. Holt immediately risked one healthy forehand hit and saw it go on. Lomas tried the same on the next point and saw it miss. It was

In the final, Holt was con-

fronted with a particularly

of the lot from 8-17 down in

the final game of the women's

doubles in partnership with

Lomas. That was the most

crucial moment in her run to

Elliot's preference for hard. flat hitting had to be restrained and refined into a mixture of slower top-spins and pushes, with occasional fierce ambushes. After twice being within two points of going two games down, she came back to win 12-21, 23-

Earlier, the Wolverhampton woman made another good recovery from a in March 1988. three-point deficit in the fourth game against the top-seeded Alison Gordon to win in five; and the best recovery

STUDENT SPORT BOXING

Fernandez objects to dreadlocks

KIRKLAND Laing's hair provoked a dispute yesterday when the British weiterweight cham-pion came face to face with the European title-holder, Antoine Fernandez, who he meets at Wembley tomorrow night.

The French boxer's manager, Pierre Geoffroy, objected to Laing's cheadlocks, claiming that they could cause an injury.
"We want his hair cut," he
insisted through an interpreter.
But Dennie Mancini, one of Laing's handlers, replied that if there was a protest going in from the French camp he would protest about Fernandez's crew cut. "That's even more dangerous," he said.

There was even a suggestion that both wear wigs in the ring, before Laing's girlfriend, Paula Chan, offered a solution. She also acts as the 35-year-old's hairdresser and said: "It's been years since Kirk had his hair cut because of his culture, but I'll tie his locks up neatly so there won't be any problem."

Laing, promised a world title bout against either Simon Brown or Marlon Starling if he wins, normally has his hair gathered in a pony tail but Geoffroy was still not satisfied when he saw a picture of the tied-back locks and could lodge a formal agreet at the weighting. a formal protest at the weigh-in OMOTTOW MOTHING.

Fernandez, the younger man by 10 years, is also being lined up for a world title challenge to Mark Breland, of the WBA, and with a record of 37 wins, one draw and one disputed defeat

He took the European crown in December by outpointing the Italian, Nino La Rocca, who eight months earlier best Laing on points. He made his first defence only three weeks ago, forcing Freddy Demeulenaere to retire after eight rounds.

"He is very strong and comes to fight," Laing said, Laing even thinks that Fernandez was a clear winner of the one bout he lost — a European challenge 10 Mauro Martelli in Switzerland

Laing's career goes back to 1975 and despite his undoubted ability he has never secured a world-title contest. One was in the pipeline until he was beaten by the American stand-in, Buck Smith, in January. His con-fidence returned with a sixthround drubbing of Trevor Smith in a defence of the British title, which he regained in 1987.

Record-breaking run by Hamer is Antrim highlight

By Mark Herbert

IAN Hamer, the world student cross-country champion from Heriot-Watt University, broke the British universities 10,000 metres record by 33 seconds at the BUSF/UAU championships held at Antrim, Northern Ire-land, at the weekend.

The Welsh international's run, in 28min 30.44sec, was the outstanding performance at an otherwise below-par meeting. It was his track debut this season, his first run at that distance, and the third-fastest time by a Briton this year. It was well within the qualifying standard for the European championships in Split this summer.

Larry Mathews, of Oxford, finished second in 29min 02.69sec, also inside the previous mark, after disputing the lead with Hamer for the first

lead with Hamer for the first 4,000 metres.

In the men's 4 x 100 metres relay, Loughborough University improved the mark set by their 1985 team by almost a second, finishing in 41.68sec, and Queen's best to 48.46sec. Overall, Loughborough retained both the men's and women's titles, again dominating the event with Birmingham, who occupied the runners-up places. runners-up places.

Janet Smith, the Lough-

borough sprinter, finished with five gold medals after complet-ing a treble in the 100, 200 and 400 metres, then helping her the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 metres

Martin Briggs, the Great Britain international hurdler from Birmingham University,

finished nearly a second clear in the 400m hurdles, but managed just sixth place in the 110 metres

Pole vault R Phelps (Warwick, 4.60m. Triple jump: P Alxanatoban (Birmingham), 14.90m. Shot: 1, R Smith (Edinburgh), 14.90m. Shot: 1, R Smith (Edinburgh), 14.91m; 2, P McEvoy (Loughborough), 13.12m. Discuss: 1, S Bergin (Queen 3, 45.20m; 5. R Grimshaw (Manchester), 40.10. Mayurer: 8 Dickinson (Hull), 50.18m. Javelle: 1, B Charles, 107. Women: 100m: 1, 85.5; 3, Notimenjam. 107. Women: 100m: 1, 85.5; 3, Notimenjam. 107. Women: 100m: 1, 85.5; 3, Notimenjam. 107. Javelle: 1, B Smith (Loughborough), 128.3, 200m: Smith, 25.13, 400m: Smith, 128.3, 200m: Smith, 25.13, 400m: Smith, 37.24.165 (maugural beam), 18.57.3e. 1, 10.00m: C Eymonda: (Emmentiam), 37.24.165 (maugural beam), 18.58, 4 x 100m relay: 1, Cueen's, 48.46 (BUSF record): 2, Loughborough, 48.67. 4 x 400m relay: 1, Loughborough, 48.67. 4 x 400m relay: 1, Loughborough, 1.78m; 2, Laves (Birmingham), 1.65. Long Javen; 1, Leyech (Loughborough), 1.78m; 2, Laves (Birmingham), 1.65. Long Javen; 1, Bavele. (Loughborough), 5,90m. Shelt 1, L. Bayles (Oxford), 10.79m; 2, S. Grownes (Loughborough), 10.05, Discest K. Youel (Loughborough), 39,16, Javelin: K. Row-land (Birmingham), 44,40m, UAU teams

REAL TENNIS

Favourites take title

THE favourites, James Male, the amateur champion, and Mike Happell, the leading Mike Happen, no leading Australian amateur, took the George Wimpey British amateur doubles championship at Hatfield with an entertaining four-set victory over the third seeds, Julian Snow and Mike McMurrugh (Sally Jones price). writes).

Despite highly contrasting styles, Male and Happell com-bined effectively, Happell late length while Male punished any balls in the air with his spectacular double-fisted volley-ing. Their determination and consistency gave Snow, who took the majority of the play on the floor, too much to do and the only reward for his fine retrieving and McMurrugh's solid volleying was their taking

the second set. RESULTS: (GB unless stated): J Male and M Happell (Aus.) bt J Snow and M McMurrugh, 6-3, 1-6, 8-2, 8-3.

Militie Singles: Semi-finels: C Presn (lies of Witcht) bt N Mason (Surrey), 21-23, 21-14, 21-19, 21-14: D Douglas (Warwicks) bt A Cooks (Derbys), 21-13, 21-13, 17-21, 42-1, 21-19. Finel: Douglas bt Presn, 8-21, 21-17, 21-17, 17-21, 21-12. Doubles: Semi-finels: N Mason (Surrey) and 9 Andrew (Essex) bt 8 Billington (Derby) and 5 Gibson (Lanes), 21-18, 17-21, 21-17, A Cooke (Derby) and D Douglas (Warwicks) bt C Oddield (Yorks) and M O'Driscoll (Yorks), 21-8, 18-21, 21-16. Finel: Cooke and Douglas bt Mason and Andrew, 21-15, 21-18. CRICKET

RESULTS FROM OLDHAM

Hardwick marks up one for the bowlers

Club cricket by Michael Austin

PETER Hardwick, of St Fagans, a Cardiff club, achieved one of the game's narer feats when the least when the same is the feat when the same is taking a hat-trick with the last three balls of the Gloucester innings on the opening day of the western league.

Hardwick, aged 41, a left-arm spinner and former Brisington captain, returned five for 49. It was his first hat-trick in 20 years in the league, as St Fagans, twice national village champions in the past decade, triumphed by

Cheltenham, the league champions, who won all ther 18 games last summer, began with an eight-wicket defeat of Cardiff with House Class diff, with Howard Clifton scoring 72 and Laurie Nicholls, the son of Ron, who played in 534 first class matches for Gloucestershire, making 50.

Other familiar surnames were to the fore as Paul Redwood, a member of the well-known Bristol rugby family, amassed 81.
But his club, Old Bristolians, lost by eight wickets to Knowle in the County Alliance. Malcolm Pooley, a medium-pace bowler on Gloucestershire's

LEAGUE RESULTS

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Mercer is set to bolster Olympic hopes By Peter Aykroyd SARAH Mercer, at 15, is the

brightest prospect for British women's gymnastics in the modern era of the sport. In the last year, she has been Britain's leading gymnast at the world and European championships.

She finished 23rd in the world final, the best-ever British result. This year, she has become British champion and the first British woman to be selected for the Goodwill Games in the United States in July. This month, she will perform in the World School Games.

Today Sarah, who is the latest recipient of The Times/Minet Award for outstanding young sportsmen and women, flies to Athens for this year's European championships. John Atkinson, technical director of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association, said: "Sarah could reach the top 10 in Europe if she performs to the level she trains."

At her Leatherhead Gymnastics club base, training at her level means 32 exacting hours a week under Vladimir Aksenov. a distinguished Soviet coach from the renowned Moscow Dinamo club. She took up gymnastics at the age of eight in the United States, where her father was working as an airline pilot, and she was accepted for training by Don Peters, the country's former national coach.

Sarah's family moved to Britain three years ago and since then she has acquired resident status to compete as a Briton. Last year she participated in the national championships, winning the event but not the title. Both Sarah and Aksenov

thave the same underlying

THE TIMES/MINET SUPREME AWARD



ambition: success at the 1992 Olympics. He believes she has a good chance because she has the ability to concentrate, and the right attitude". She said: "I would just be happy to get to Barcelona. But I wouldn't mind a medal." Elegant and slight, she

tackles three hours of conditioning and ballet exercises for five mornings. Her favourite discipline is floor exercise. She is strong, but keeps supple. Mercer's trail to Olympic glory is an arduous one, but with several key markers of progress like the Goodwill Games, two European and one world

championships, her courage,

determination and talent

trains for six days a week and

could bolster British gymnastics at each stage. The Times/Minet Supreme Awards are part of a £2 million sponsorship package from Minet - the Londonbased firm of international insurance brokers - to help fund Britain's preparations for the 1992 Olympics. The awards, which are administered by the Sports Aid Foundation, are being made

to sportsmen and women

whose outstanding perfor-

mances have brought distinc-

tion and honour to British

sport and are likely medal

THE TIMES AWARD ONLY E 5,000 -00 Balancing finances: Surah Merces sits happily on receipt of The Times/Minet Award

FIXTURES CRICKET

CANTERBURY: Kent v Warwicks OLD TRAFFORD: Lance v Harris NORTHAMPTON: Northampton **GLASGOW: Scotland v Notts**

TAUNTON: Somerset v Minor

Benson and Hedges Cup

HOVE Sussex v Middlesex WORCESTER: Worcs v Glamorgan HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Com-BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Chapterliet Derby v Lancs; Leicester: Laics v Yorkshire Richmond: Middlesax v Kent,

FOOTBALL PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE STATE COUNTY AND LIVERDOOL & Laicester (7 0): North Country & Electropol (7.15); York v Wigen (7.0).

OVERDIEN PAPERS CONSUMPTION CYMBA Palace & OFF! I powned v Fullham (3.0); Linda v Chelsen (2.0).

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championships from Athens.
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Lydden Hill.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 6-7-30pm:
Highlights from the French Cup.
TENNIS: Eurosport 1-5. 8-9pm and 18pmlam: Coverage of the Burw German Open from Hamburg.
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UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

FOOTBALL

Oldham are hungry to the finish in fruitless campaign

Bradford City Oldham Athletic.

OLDHAM Athletic's memorable season of deserved plaudits and sustained excellence ended on a slightly dis-appointing note at Valley Parade yesterday.

The failure of the Little-

woods Cup finalists to defeat Bradford City means that they have finished in eighth place in a second division which has been illuminated by their skill during the past nine months.

Oldham's chances of progressing through to the play-offs ended on Saturday despite an impressive victory over Sunderland at Roker Park, the first success away from the synthetic surface of Boundary Park in almost five months.

Yesterday's game, the final isticians but it did not stop supporters crossing the Pennines to salute their team.

Oldham, lacking several of their more influential players

Second division Leeds Utel 46 16 6 146 16 8 7 6 23 24 85 Shell Utel 46 14 5 442 27 18 6 120 21 85

bearing in mind that it was their fifth game in just nine days and their 66th of an arduous, if unproductive,

Milligan and Irwin Spain mix find the finish flat

OLDHAM Athletic's season of anti-climax continued yesterday for two of their number when Mike Milligan and Dennis Irwin were omitted from the Republic of Ireland squad for the Liam Brady testimonial match against Finland at Lansdowne Road

next Wednesday.
Not unreasonably, the pair must have thought that they had spotted a silver lining when Oldham's hopes of a place in the play-offs clouded over at the weekend. It left them free to take part in the international, but when Jack Charlton announced his squad of 19 yesterday their

Ironically, Chariton has included three players, McLoughlin, Stapleton and Moran, who are involved in a play-off match on the same day as the international and have no chance of playing for him. It could be that Milligan will be called as a replacement, though called as a replacement, though as Oldham luck would have it he is nursing a shoulder injury.
Swindon Town's good for

tune is McLoughlin's misfortune as far as his inter-national career is concerned. Chariton has been eager to give the midfield player his full international debut since before he excelled for Republic of England B in Cork in March.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND B SQUAD (to play Northern Ireland B at Portadown on May 15): G Kefly (Bury) or A Kefly (Preston); D Invin (Oldham), P Scally (Arsenal), T Pheiain (Wirmbedon), M Milligan (Oldham), J Beglin (Leeds), L Daish (Cambridge), D Brazil (Manchester United), B Mooney (Preston), G Waddock (Milwall), K De Mange (Hull), O Coyle (Andrie), N Quam (Man City), D Kefly (Lecester), M Kefly (Porsmouth), J Brawnum (Sheffield Wadnesday), M Rusself (Middiesbrouch) Norwich to pay a high price for Taylor report

NORWICH City yesterday an- League that he was struck by a ticket prices of 20 per cent. Robert Chase, the club chair-man, said the introduction of safety measures listed in Lord Justice Taylor's report had made the rise inevitable.

League club. They attracted a total of 740,406 fans in their 19 matches for an average of 38,969 per game. Liverpool, who had held the record for two years, averaged 36,974, compared with 37,727 and 39,689 in

spectator during a pitch inva-sion at the game between Hali-fax Town and Stockport County

Stockport supporters twice raced onto the pitch after their made the rise inevitable.

Manchester United, meanwhile, have regained the title of the best-supported Football area believing mistakenly that the club had been promoted to the third division. Other results later determined that they would have to take part in the

A Halifax official said yesterday that they would

premium as non-existent. style but their more inventive

moments ended whenever the ball drifted into the sector patrolled by Barrett, an immaculate focal point for a competent defence. On the one occasion when City did not find themselves impailed on Barrett's precocious talent, Rhodes, the Oldham goalkeeper, proved to be an inpenetrable barrier. In the 39th minute he dived to his left to deny Woods with a remarkable save.

Moulden missed a simple chance to put the visitors in front after 63 minutes when he headed a cross by Adams straight into the body of Tomlinson, but City were not so fortunate 60 seconds later when Redfearn unleashed a superb shot from 25 yards to

break the deadlock. City claimed a deserved equalizer in the 71st minute when Adcock slipped his WHEN AGCOCK STIPPED INS MADENDORD CITY: P Tominoson: B Minch-ell, G Graham, L Duxbury, G Oliver, L Sinnott, K Megson (sub: C Lawford), M Aziewood, N Woods (sub: P Castello), P Jewell, T Accock. CLDHAM ATRLETIC: A Rhodes; W Donachie, A Barlow, N Redisem, E Barrati, G Williams, N Adams, A Rachie, R Falmer, P Municen, R Holden.

six from the Mexico World Cup. The coach, Luis Suarez, recalled

trainer, Brian Swift, while still at school at Redhill, Surrey, After a spell with Geoff Huffer, he joined Ryan 2½ years ago.

The hard-pulling Langtry Lady takes some knowing and Gwilliams rides her out every day, "She can be a funny sort at times but this race went absolutely perfectly," the jockey said. "There was a wall of horses in front of us but the solit came The other 1986 veterans are the Real Madrid defender, Miin front of us but the split came at just the right time." First-season trainer Roses Chariton is enduring a frustrat-ing sequence, Pride Of Araby being his fifth runner-up from his last eight runners. Eddery narrowly missed out on Pride Of Araby but still

field players, including this sea-son's success, Rafael Martin Vasquez, who is expected to announce his departure to

Juvenius shortly.

José Maria Bakero, of Barcelona, absent from recent selections due to injury, was recalled for his experience and goal-scoring capabilities despite play-

Sacristán and Luis Milla.

WORLD CLF SOUND: Goodbesper A
Zubizamente (Barcelone; aged 29, 48
caps). J M Ochotorena (Valencia; 28, 1), J
C Abianedo (Sportang Gion; 27, 2),
Betandares M P Chando (Real Madrod; 24, 29), F
lierro (Real Madrid; 22, 2), M Jiménez (Seville, 26, 12), A Gomiz (Real Sociedad; 32, 7), O S Flores (Valencia; 25, 11), G
Andrinsa (Athletic Bilbao; 21, 0), Midfield players: F G Fernsendo (Valencia; 25, 11), J
P Villaroya (Real Zaragoza; 24, 6), J M G
Michel (Real Madrid; 27, 21), R F Bonillo (Barcelona; 28, 12), R P Marin (Seville, 25, 2). Forwards: M S Mancolo (Atletico Madrid; 27, 48), J M Balkero (Barcelona; 27, 11), J Salinas (Barcelona; 28, 26), M
Purdezz (Real Zaragoza; 28, 26), M
Purdezz (Real Zaragoza; 25, 4). Sacristan and Luis Milla.

Stanley's knife is too sharp

By a Special Correspondent

Gtr Manchester Sch..... 3 Northumberland Sch..... 1 TWO goals by Chris Stanley and

a third by Darryl Green gave Greater Manchester Schools their third ESFA Mitre inter-county under-19 cup success since 1983. Manchester's victory on Stockport County's Edgeley Park ground yesterday enabled

them to equal Northumber-land's and Berkshire's tally of wins in the 13-year history of the event. Appearing in their third final in four seasons, the North-Easterners might still, neverthe-less, have gained a deserved hare of the trophy had they not missed countless chances either side of their equalizing goal

minutes when Billy Hamilton, veteran of two Northern Ireland Irish League.....

League of Ireland.. THE League of Ireland, fielding a team with sights set on qualifying for the 1992 Olympic Games, defeated the Irish League at the Oval, Belfast, yesterday, after a low-key game watched by a small count A watched by a small crowd. A goal five minutes before halftime was the only score of a drab

A space of second-half sub-stitutes — four by the Irish League and two by the League of Ireland — failed to instill any life into the proceedings which started off at a gentle canter and finished at near walking pace. The Irish League were denied an opening goal after nine

Morris's gloves and Elliott app-lied the finish. Another elementary error, by Dunbar, at left back, put Greater Manchester ahead again. From a back-pass by the England Cousins settles a drab encounter

foot of Thompson, their man of

Manchester defence was wrong-footed. His cross slid through

shot from 10 yards.

World Cups, flighted a back-header from a McCoy corner towards the top corner of the net only for O'Dowd to bring off a superb save. And in the 22nd minute McCoy clipped the ball just over the crossbar from six Against the run of play, Cousins broke the deadlock for League of Ireland when Arkins

pulled the ball back from the bye-line for him to meet the cross with a flashing header that gave Keenan no chance. Burrows missed a penalty for the Irish League in the 63rd minute after Doolin was ajudged to have handled. Burrows hit a rather casual shot with no real power and O'Dowd saved with little difficulty. Devine headed a McBride Referee: F McKnight

Even after Stanley's double under-18 international — who after eight and 19 minutes plus has appeared in the forth di-Green's second-half clincher vision for Hartlepool United — Young was forced into an unnecessary race for the ball with Stanley. The spindly legged forward won the chase to push land squandered a multitude of Stanley, the showman who forward won the chase to push the ball into the unguarded net. GREATER MANCHETTER S Neuris (Hyde 6th torm): D Edwards (Rochoale College), R Price (Oldham Hutme Grammar). P Stobbs (Stockport Tech), P Whelen (Kawlan 8th torm), D Dichestra (Xavian 6th form), S Finney (Hawkey Hal, Wagan), D Lenton (Xavian 6th form) J Ashinon (North College, Botton). C Stanley (Tameside Tech, sub: R Owisshu, Sheena Simon College), D Green (South College, Botton). celebrated his opening goal with a somersault, had showed them how to finish with with a snap Northumberland's fortuitous equalizer came three minutes the match who is Newcastle United-bound, that the Greater

Smon College), D Green (South College, Botton), NOTTRUMBERLAND: I Toung (North Tyreside); M Dancer (Seatun Burn High), I Dumber (West Demton High), A Carter (Monkseaton High), A Thompson (Willington High), D Anderson (Ridley High), S Watson (Burnside High), J Watson (Burnside High), J Fenton (Whitley Bay High, sub: P Dayle, St Benet Biscop S High), A Right (Gosforth High, sub: K Drinkfeld, Redewood), Restaut 1 Min.

corner against the angle of the

minute remaining Knell headed on to the crossbar following a cross by Cleland. cross by Cleland.

The game was watched by several cross-Channel managers, including Chris Nicholl, of Southampton.

IRISH LEACUE: M Keeman (Portudown), J Devine (Gientoran). A Scappatical (Gientoran). P Byrne (Gientoran), A Stewart (Portadown), C McCaffrey (Gientoran) sub: P Knell, Linfield), W Caskey (Gientoran), W Hamilton (Dishlery: sub: T Cleland, Gientoran), R BicCov (Colarame; sub: S McCaffide, Gienavon). Burrows (Linfield).

LEAGUE OF (RELAND: A O'Dowd (Shelbourne), F Corondown (Conf. City). LEAGUE OF RELAND: A O'Dowd (Shelbourne): B Rood (Shelbourne): B Rood (Shelbourne): C'Donoghue (Cork City), M Lawler (Dundait; sub. P Byrne. Shelbourne), M Neville (Derry City). P Doolin (Derry City). I Dowglas (Drogheda United), R O'Halloran (Limenck City). V Arkins (Shermock Rovers), A Cousins (Dundait), T Kesma (Galway) United; sub: Geoghegan, Drogheda United).

13.35cc.
5.10 (im) 1, THAKIB (W Cerson, 11-8 fav, Michael Seeley's nap) 2, Grey Stammer (L Dunort, 1-1); 1, Duse's Duse (M Flobers, 13-1); 1.450 FAM 9-2 Vose, 10 Octow, State Dancer, 16 Prince Harmited (4th), 20 Fighting Strave (6th), Hozay, Persian Lord, 33 Afferez, Been, Hozay, Fersian Lord, 33 Afferez, Been, Hozay, Farsian Lord, 33 Afferez, Been, Forst, Strael, Knight of Mirkon, Legal Fartissy, Lociging (5th), Mountain Wind, Sent The Man, 20 ran, 6, 11, 3, 11, 12, 3, Gooden at Newmarkot, Tote: £2.76; £14.45, Imin 36.27 sec.

Jackpot not won. Fool of 12,300 carried forward to Chester temperow.
Placepot: 2322.50. Haydock Park

CSF: £15.00.

2:30 (2m 4f hdis) 1, LOANSHGDALE (L. Harvey, 2-1 tav); 2, Paco's Boy (R Supple, 5-1); 3, Alsoul (Jacqui Hayes, 7-2) ALSO RAN; 9-4 Chasers' Bar (5m), 14 Miraga Dancer (4m); 5 ran, 6l, %), 10l, 25; R Akeharst at Epsom. Tots. 62,00; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £7.90. CSF: £10.64.

3.5 (2m hdie) 1, SYBILLIN (D Byrne, 8-1); 2, Windhound Lass (N Mann, 25-1); 3, Vestris Abu (T Carmody, 8-1); ALSO RAN; 9-4 lav Seypurus (pu), 5 Kadan (pu), 7 Persiliam (4m), 9 Royal Darb, 17 Prilosophos (5m), 14 Out Of Range (un), 16 Poetrus Pet, 30 Imperial Bruan (6m), 31 Austhoros Sansaf, 60m, 50 Artha Albot.

Gwilliams steals Eddery's thunder NEIL Gwilliams, the least experienced jockey in the field, gained the most important suc-

Easiest winner of the three

cass of his career when getting the better of Pat Eddery in an exciting finish to the £25,000 Jubilee Handicap at Kempton was the powerfully-built Well Furnished who immediately came four lengths clear of the field once hitting the front with a furlong to go. Having won at the Easter meeting here, Alex Scott's colt is halfway to landing the £100,000 bonus offered by the Kempton executive to connections of the first horse to win four Flat races filly nearly through the pack and timed his challenge to perfection to master Eddery on Pride Of Araby in the final strides and

at the track this year. Half the prize goes to the stable lads and staff, with the owner and trainer getting £25,000 apiece.

RIVER God, one of 20 Derby entries from Henry Cecil's yard, won the Carr Hill Maiden Stakes hard-held by 10 lengths at Doncaster yesterday. Steve Cauthen brought Sheikh Mohammed's colt through to take command 24/2 furlongs out and was able to ease

The colt is unlikely to take his chance at Epsom, however, as Cauthen said afterwards that River God's objective is likely to be the Queen's Vase at Royal

21,519.24.
3.25 (5f) 1. BATRA (A Simpson, 13-2); 2f, Ander MR (J Fortans, 0-4); 2f, Marsatti (R Hills, 8-11 fav), 3 ran. 1l, cd-fn. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tota: 8x.50 . DP. Bairs and Amber MR, 21,70; Bairs and Marsatib. 21.30. CSF: Bairs and Amber MR, 27.02: Bairs and Amber MR, 27.02: Bairs and Marsatib. 25.50. 1min 02.66sec.
4.5 (im 40yd) 1. JARRAAR (R Hills, 4-7 fav); 2. Lombard Ships (J Fortune, 7-4); 3, Sepreme Court (R Lappin, 10-1), 3 ran. 7l. 4l, J Gascien at Newmarkst. Tota: 21.50. DF: 21.10. CSF: 21.85. Imin 46.46sec.

DF: £1.10. GSF: £1.89. Time 40.Aesse. 4.25 (1m 4) 1. MaSIGED BALL (R Leppin, 9-4 fav); 2. Mommer (J Ryen, 14-1); 3. Ecossels Demoseur (R Hills, 3-1). ALSO RAN. 3 Bush Hill (Sh.), 11-2 Safe (6th), 15-2 Cool Run (4th), 6 ran. 8, 3, 41, 12, 6. P Calver at Ripon, Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £4.60. DF: £5.30. CSF; £25.60. 2min 30.2feas.

Doncaster

Geing: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, ALJANAN (A Munre, 8-1); 2, Antique Man (S Haworth, 16-1); 3, if's The Pits (K Derley, 12-1). ALSO: 3 fav Baranyka, 4 Mr Cheekychops (Sith), 6 Beachy Glen (8th), 8 Sharp N' Easy (4th), 12 Guill Reesh, Virkon, 14 Form Key, 16 Taylors Clastic, 20 Reflection, Treacte Minn, Tudor Ace, Domrun, Little Ripper, Miss Knight, 25 Rainton Leap, Sirse, 33 Mecado, Olge's Pet. 21 ran. NRT: Genderbon. 2, shind, 11, 21, 194. M Johnston at Middleham. Totle: 512.30: 53.10, 55.90, 53.30. DF: E473.30. CSF: £165.42. 10th 25.88eec. No bid.

2.45 (2m 110yd) 1. SUIVEZ MOI (N Carlste. 9-4 tav); 2. Simply Swell (d Carter, 8-1; 3. Valety Blazed (A Proud, 9-2), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Chronological (4th), 5 Eegant Monarch, 8 White Jasmin, 10 Unpaid Member (6th), 16 Midere (5th), 33 In Dreams. 9 ran. 2%I, 11, %I, 6I, 8I. C Allen at Newmarket. Tota: 22.70; 21.40, 21.90, 22.30. 04: 57.80. SSF E16.98. Tricast: E56.09. Smin 43.12cac.

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Going: good to firm

royal meeting is Touch Of
White, who booked her place in
the King's Stand Stakes when
battling home by half a length
from Craft Express in the Coal
Mines Handler

Neil Gwilliams produces Langtry Lady (right) to overhaul Pride Of Araby (Pat Eddery) in the Jubilee Handicap at Kempton Park yesterday

his team, there is not a suitable

race for their well-handicapped

on Wednesday week. Pip Payne had Nazela entered

for Sandown Park tomorrow

evening but, after hours study-

ing the form book, decided that the Appledore Handicap offered

easier pickings. His research paid off handsomely as the grey filly and Eddery led in the last 50

yards to beat Lake Mistassiu by half a length.

"She is a tough filly and carned this win, as she has been

Langtry Lady gives apprentice biggest success

Miner Handicap.

The victory completed a 32-1 double for Gary Carter and provided Geoff Huffer with his first winner of the season. "I've had a lot of seconds up to now." Huffer said. "Touch Of White is a really good filly and will show." a really good filly and will show a lot of improvement. She jarred

herself up a bit last year."
Touch Of White was always travelling well and led at half-

overruled.
The stewards further inquired into interference 11/2 furlongs from home between Absolution. partnered by David Nicholis, and Craft Express, but ruled that this was accidental and had not affected the result.

Carter initiated his double

when the Aga Khan's Zarna gained an effortless four-length victory in the A F Budge

provided the young Newmarket trainer, Mohammed Moubarak,

A STATE OF THE STA

Eddery wound up his treble on Ben Hanbury's Eastern Whisper in the Parth Claiming scason when gaining an impressive three-length win under Lanfranco Dettori in the Syon Stakes but the grey colt will not be returning to the Newmarket yard. He was claimed after the Park Maiden Fillies Stakes. "I'm not surprised — the filly has been working well at home," said Moubarak, who was born in the Lebanon and started race by trainer David Elsworth for £25,000.

Calgary Redeye, 17:-length runner-up to Eastern Whisper, unseated Willie Carson after the training in his own right at

Newmarket after educational spells in Ireland with John Oxx, Paddy Mullins and Vincent River God heads for Ascot

"We'll keep Black Fighter in the Oaks, and make a decision at a later date," added Mouberak, who is likely to run his high-class miler, Orcen Line Express, in the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury on May 18.

Come On Rosi, backed from 20-1 to 12-1, overcame the handicap of a poor draw to win the Skylark Fillies' Stakes. Coming out of the number two stall. Come On Rosi made the best of her way home virtually un-accompanied up the unfavoured stands side rail.

"I cannot remember the last time a winner on this track came

managed a 172-1 treble on Well Also bound for next month's way, holding on comfortably Handicap. AND AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR 14 ran. %1, 11, %1, 41, 2%1. Jimmy Pitzperald at Malton. Tota: 211.40; 23.40, 25.00, 25.00. DF: E171.50. CSF: 2171.70. Tricast: 21,519.24. Warwick Fontwell Park

Kempton Park

Park yesterday.

Riding Langtry Lady for Mick Ryan, Gwilliams threaded the

It was a fourteenth winner for Gwilliams, aged 21, who started riding out for the late Epsom trainer, Brian Swift, while still at

Going time
2.10 (bit) 1. COME ON ROSE (G Duffield,
12-1): 2, Nation First (J Marchies, 20-1): 3,
Katzaskeens (Pet Eddery, 9-4 fev). ALSO
RAN: 4 Constant Delogin, 10 Motcomba,
Orisona Girl (6th), 12 Archivas Leisuns, 20
Besselhs, 25 Annel Rose, Quick Profit
(4th), 33 Flying Flo Je, Not Quite Free, 50
Contanne, Donna Katrina. Elfing, Macs
Maharanes, Magnetize, Night Jer (5th),
Petivara, Possebelle, 20 ran. NJ. Ind., NJ.,
hd, 1 NJ. D Ejsworth at Whitsbury. Tote:
C18,60: \$4.40, E3.00, E1.30, DF: E237.50,
CSF: E205.40, Invin 12.30aec.
2.40 (Im) 1, BLACK FRENTER (L Deltor),

CSF: E205-A0. 1 m/n 12-30ac.

B.40 (tim) 1, BLACK FIGHTER (L. Dellori, 11-1); 2, Plaything (M. Roberts, 7-1); 3, Grey Power (Dale Gibson, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 6-4 tav Oogle Poogle, 4 Stick Cherry, 6 Miss Tatifrig (4th), 14 Cheering (5th), 33 Blue Room, 50 Passon And Mirth, Polistatic (6th), 10 ren. 31, ½1, 1½1, 31, 11, M. Moubernit at Newsparket, Totac 511.70; E2-70, 51-50, 67-80, DF: £43-90.

CSF: E75-31, 1 min 40.Essec.

CSE2.99. 1 mm. 38.40 sec.
4.10 (51) 1. NAZELA (Pat Eddery, 3-1); 2. Late Misteasis (W. Hood, 9-1); 3. Musical Flash (A. McGlone, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 5. Barbazieux. 8. Amathus Glory, 14. Ayodosas (50%), Johal Kosa, 2. Estefan (8%), Maid Welcome (4%), 9 ran. ½, 2, 3, rk, 2%. J. Payne at Newmarket. Tote: 24.20; 21.70, 22.10, 21.50. DF: \$13.90. CSF: \$25.21. Trought \$57.72, 59.72s.
4.60 (fm.40.1, EASTERN WHSPER (Pat)

Caleg: Wm
2.0 (2m hole) 1. DANCING RIVER (G
McCourt, 11-3; Z. They Assable (F Supple,
5-1); 2. Shamfered (I Danke, 7-2), ALSO:
RAN: 5-2 fav Old Virginia (4th), 7 Barley
Mov (pu), 20 Howgil (5th), 6 ran, Hd, 25t,
10t, 7t, W A Shephenson at Bishop Auckland, Toter 52,80; £1,50, £2,30, DF: £7,70.
(3)f: £15,00.

Cologo Rm

1.45 (1m) 1, PERSIAN DYNASTY (A
Tucker, 8-1); 2, Auction Dey (D Hotland,
14-1); 3, Concent Pitch (Melody Town, 11-2); ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Imperial Priend
(4th), 6 Mystery Band (6th), Runcible Cat,
8 Sallys Won, 10 Meliau, 16 Orchard's Pet,
Cassanova Lad, 20 Royal Bear, 33
Cadford Balarina, Ludy Homilly, Marching
Star (5th), 14 ran, NR: Marie Swift; 1%,
1%, 4, 2, %, J Bradley at Chepstow,
Tola: 58.10; 52.40, 54.50, \$1.90, DF:
P127.00. CSF: \$117.25. Tricage 1858.15.

2.15 (7) 1, BOCKEN (T Cuinn, 11-2); 2. Geo-Jey-Ay (J Carroll, 8-1); 3, Atlantic Clear (J Williams, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 2 tav Dancing Sensedion (6th), 13-2 Bingo Bongo, 7 Big Eck (5th), 8 Sherwon Express (f), Falsand (4th), 33 Zanoba, Zhivago's Passion, Caroltif Arms, Tran's Angel, Enic's Pet. 13 ran. %I, 21.21, nk, 8i. C Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £7.30; 22.20, 23.00, 22.80, DF: £21.40, CSF. EM.68. Tricase ESGLB3, Alber characteristics.

2.45 (1m) 1, CRCUS FEATHERS (1 Cuinn, 16-1; 2, Cellbacy (Paul Eddery, 10-11 tay); 3, Atarlf (P D'Arcy, 2-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Bourbornite (5th), 9 Law Student (4th), 35 0 Bold (5th), 6 ran, 3, 51, 2, 3, 41, J Duniop at Arundel, Tote: £13.80; £2.90, £1.40, DF: £11.70, CSF: £32.50.

1.16 (1m (V 180yd) V. LA WALLERWINE (S Marcus, 16-1); 2, Debbie Henry (T Cuinn, 5-1); 3, Pedrida (M Teobutt, 5-1), ALSO RAK: 11-4 fav Lack Rosanna (8th), 3 Points Of Law (4th), 8 Talke, 10 Golden Scissors, 16 Carpet Suppers (5th), Athena By Night, 33 Muesta, 10 ran. Nit, sh hd, 7, 2%1, %1. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tota: 51-580; 53.00, 52.30, 51.80. DF: £73.60, CSF: £92.23, Trioant £430.03.

3.45 (5f) 1, DOUBLOVA (J Carroll, 6-1); 2. Green's Cassast! (T Cutim, 5-2); 3, Princese Who (W Newnes, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 9-4 faw Dark Kristal (6th), 11 Al-Krisgoola (5th), 16 Almasa (4th), 20 Mamalama, 33 Pretty Super, Tender Kiss. 9 ran. NP: Marionie Periong, Wotamona. 31, 21, 134, 21, 34. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: 57-20; 57-60, 51-90, 51-40. DF: 99.80. CSF: E21.94.

4.15 (Sf) 1, BROAD APPEAL (R Price, 9-2): 2, Anonogito (S Whitworth, 11-4); 3, Arrivez Deux (R Fox, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Musical Lyrics. 8 Pretty Much (Sch.) 9 La Mezeray, 10 Abstentious (88h), 16 Wetto (4th), 20 Bud's Bet, 33 Zephyr, 16, Calidore Bey. 11 ran. 4(, 3, 34, 1), shind. M Bell at Newmarket. Tota: 65.10: 62.30, 62.00, 52.50. DF: 69.60. CSF: \$10.61. No bid.

Pincapot: £323,40. Southwell

Going: good to firm (chase course); standard (hurdles)

standard (hurdus) 2.30 (2m 41 ndte) 1. Druse (J A Harris, 18-1); 2. Friendly Coast (9-4); 3. Proverbal Session (25-1). Village Hero 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 20, 44. R Marvin. Tote: \$11.70; \$2.30, £1.10, £16.40. DF: £13.20. CSF: £48.12. 3.0 (2m 4f hdte) 1. Storm Warrior (A Juckes, 6-1); 2. Fishing Smack (20-1); 3. Prarie Agent (20-1); Gold Tint 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Hill Bengle. 3-1, 44. B Precet. Tote: E5.60; E1.40, E4.40, E5.10. DF: E36.50 CSF: E91 07. Tricast: E2,034.67. 2.30 (2m hdie) 1, Caroles Clown (1 Shoemark, 7-2; 2, Just Great (7-4 fav); 3, Clower Claude (25-1), 9 ran, Sh hd, 8, M Haynes, Yote, 23.30, 51.10, £1.40, £4.30, DF: £4.40, CSF: £9.40. DF: £4.40. CSF: £9.40.
4.0 (3m ch) 1, Deep Cliff (M Dwyer, 2-1 fav); 2, Tommy Farmer (4-1); 3, Prince Celtic (8-1), 9 ran. NR: Opel Gien. 1 hi, 201, J J O'Neill, Toe: £2.70: £1.40, £1.20, £1.10, DF: £4.50. CSF: £10.45.
4.30 (2m 100yd ch) 1, Querry Town (N Willemson, 8-13 lav); 2. Nearly Ready (5-1); 3, Tamertown Led (20-1), 5 ran. 9, dist. J Edwardt. Total: £1.80; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.18.
5.0 (2m ch) 1, Proclus (N Willemson.

Galleg firm

2.0 (3m 2l ch) 1, Way Under (Mr C
Farral, 7-4 lav); 2, Just A Ghost (33-1); 3,
Cettic Remorse (100-30), 7 ran. %L 5L D
Nugent, Toes: £3.50; £1.90, £4.40, DF:
£38170, CSF: £37.95. 2.30 (2m 21 hole) 1, Royal Wonder (M Perrett, 5-4 tav); 2, Warm Winter (4-1); 3, Deer Miff (5-1), B ran, NR; Chesmarels, Lovely Wonge, Fashion Prinseps, Mes A Turn, 5; 30, M Pipe, Tote; 22.00; 21.50, 21.20, 21.10 DF; 22.80, CSF, 6-4

21.20, 21.10 DF: 22.80, CSF: 55.43.
3.0 (2m 21 110yd ch) 1, Walk Of Life (M Parrett, Evens fav); 2, Thames Trader (11-4); 3, Mette Mis Flyer (5-1), 7 ran. 7, 1), M Pop. Tote: 22.00; 21.80, 21.80 DF: 22.00.
CSF: 64.02.
3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Silver Causon (Mr M Rinane, 11-4); 2, Missier Feathers (10-11 fav) (Oraly two finished), 3 ran. Sh hd. R Voorspuly, Tote: 23.30, DF: 22.00 CSF; 25.08. 25.08.
4.0 (2m 6f hdie) 1, Chempegne Run (J. Neaves, 9-1); 2, Red Hackle (4-1) 3, Bravo Star (2-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Gancon. 8 ran. NR: NR: Kr Caracteus. 3, 2½. W G M Turner. Tote: £7.60; £2.00, £2.40, £1.20. DF: £22.50 CSF: £49.54 Treast: £88.12. 4.30 (2m 21 hdbs) 1, Marchman (M Per-rett, 6-4 fav); 2. Fighting Days (5-2); 3, Arrow Dancer (7-1), 5 ren. 2l, dist. J King. Tota: 53.00; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £2.70 CSF: £5.70

Placepot: £53.80 Devon & Exeter

Retign and 2.0 (2m 1f hdie) 1, Ptague O'Rets (J Frost, 7-4); 2, Devon Zipper (12-1), 3 ran, 5, dist, R Frost, Tote: £2.70. DF: £4.20, CSF: £9.60. Ultra Violet finished third but was disqualified for taking the wrong area. was disqualified for taking the wrong course.

2.30 (2m 11 hdbe) 1, Gold Service (P Scudamore, 5-6 fay); 2, Sir Jamestown (11-8); 3, Casis (8-1), 4 ran, 12, 5. M Pipe, Tote; £1,90, DF; £1,80, 55F; £2,34,

3.0 (3m 1f ch); 1, Don't Be Late (J Frost, 4-7 fay); 2, High Class Agent (6-4), 2 ran, 25l, M Pipe, Tote; £1,30,

3.30 (2m 1f hdbe); 1, Endower's Vinice (J Frost, 1-8 fay); 2, The Tenner (10-1); 3, West Lodge Lady (33-1), 4 ran, MF; Miss A Turn, Only three finished, 15l, dist, M Pipe, Tote; £1,20, DF; £1,80, CSF; £2,25,

4,0 (2m 1f ch); 1, Members' Revenge (A Mulinohand, 100-30); 2, Blue Raembow (4-5 fay); 3, Comtac Prince (3-1), 5 ran, NR; Mamamere, 31, 30l, 5 Christnan, Tote; £3,50; £1,40, £1,20, DF; £2,50, CSF; £5,35,4,30 (2m 1f hdbe); 1, Tonnerya Dresse (A

4.30 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Tommys Dream (A Mulhotland, 11-4): 2, Shaichio Boy (3-1): 3, Lizzy Longstocking (20-1), Midnight Strike 5-4 lav. 6 ran. 2%, 2L S Christian, Tota: 23.70: 21-50, 22-40, DF: £5.20, CSF: £10.62. Placapot (21.20

Towcester

Going: firm 2.0 (2m hdie) 1, Rishehara (I Lawrence, Evens fav; 2, Soneito (100-30); 3, Donosti (12-1). 9 ran. NR: Mr Avenger. 11, 31, P Hedger. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.40, £2.90, DF 14.20, CSF: 14.60. 2.30 (2.07 50/d ch) 1, Landon Windows (8 Powell, 2-7 fav); 2. Priza Malody (5-2), 2 ran. 51. D Williams. Tote £1.30.
3.0 (2m hde) 1, Lava Falla (0 Skyrme, 6-1); 2. Liftlego (11-4); 3, Sporting idol (5-2). M 1 Babe 6-4 fav. 5 ran. %1, 10s. M Banks. Tote: £8.50; £2.90, £1.20. DF: £1.30. CS: £10.66. 3.30 (3m 190yd ch) 1, Tewtrell Lad (J Shortt, 6-4); 2, Leen Ort (5-1); 3, Erostin Floets (11-10 fav). 4 ran. 15l, dest. J Buldorets. Tole: £2.20. DF: £3.70. CSF: 4.0 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Quick Advice (Ar W Wales, 4-5 fav); 2, Politizuro (6-1), Only two finished, 6 ran. 10l. C Rudd, Toth: £1.70; £1 30, £2.50. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.25. 58.25.
4.30 (2m 5/ 29yd hdle) 1, Carogrove (J. Shortt, 9-4 fav); 2, Below Zero (5-1); 3, Flora Louisa (6-1), 8 ran 5/, 2/, J. Bultovets, Toter 52.30; 51.30, 52.10, 51.60, DF; 513.00, CSF; £16 19, Tricast £87.11.

Newcastle

2.15 (3m ch) 1, Stey On Tracks (Mr K Johnson, 13-8); 2, Bitosi Bluss (6-4 tav). Only two finished, 3 ran. Hd. W A Steph-enson, Tote: \$2.80, DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.90, enson. Tota: \$2.60. DF: £1.60. CSP: £3.60.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, On The Hooch (Mr.)

Bradburne, 5-1): 2. Moorfield Lady (4-1): 3,

Great Law (10-1). Sacred Gem 7-4 fav. 3,

Hills at Warwick yesterday.

from such a low draw," said David Elsworth, the winning trainer. "This is a good filly and I've always thought a lot of her."

12i. Mrg G Bradburne. Tobs: \$5.20; E2.30, E1.30. DP: \$10.20 CSF: \$28.02.

3.15 (3m ch) 1, Weltingo (C Grent, 9-2; 2, Docklands: Express: (11-10 May; 3, Baper Foundin (11-4). 5 ren. Hd., dist. W.A. Stephenson. Tota: \$2.80; E2.00, £1.50. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.03.

3.45 (2m 4f indie) 1, The Pink, Sisters (5 Curninghem, 2-1); 2, Random Warrior (13-8 fav); 3, Young Gerard (2-1). 3 ren. Nr., 8, T. Curningham. Tota: £3.00. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.74.

4.15 (2m ch) 1, Greenheart (C Grant, 1-2 fav); 2, Vulrony's Clown (6-4). 2 ran. 6l. W.A. Stephenson. Tota: £1.50.

Ludlow

Plecapot: £712.90.

Going: hard (firm in straight)
2.15 (2m hdle) 1. Toad Along (D'
Bennsyworth, 6-4 fay); 2. Deadly Charm
(2-1); 3. No Bonus (2-1); 4 Fam. ½i, Dist. O
Sherwood, Tota: £2.10. DF: £2.60, CSF; 2.50 (2m) 1, Preside (D Morris, 9-4); 2, Mittary Salute; (7-4 fav); 3, Lady Lax (5-1). 6 Ran. 11, St., J White. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.60. DF: £2.30. CSF: £6.36. \$1.60. DF: \$2.30. CSF: \$6.36.

3.25 (2m ch) 1, Snowy Bondleir (P Verling, 4-5 fav); 2, Sohall (11-4); 3, Kings Wild (11-4); 3, Ran. 11-h, Dest. D. Murray-Smith. Tote: £1.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.97, 4.0 (2m hdle) 1, Forest Fleese (M Foster, 7-4 fav); 2, Variaki (7-2); 3, Red Timber 15-1), 6 Flan. 8, 44. M Pho. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £2.60. DF: £7.30; CSF: £8.11.

4.96. (2m ch) 1, Banch (thete 16 E260. DF. £7.30; CSF: 28.11.
4.35 (3m ch) 1, Beech Park (R)
Dumwoody, 8-4); 2, Quisantaro (25-1); 3,
Clear Call (4-6 fay), 5 Ran. 12, 25; 0
Nicholson. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £3.30. DF.
£28.40. CSF: £29.41.
5.10 (2m 5fhdle) 1, Vellant Deah (R)
Gamty, 13-8). Finished alone, Trefelyn
Rose 1-2 tav. 2 Ran. S Kettlewell. Tota: £2.40.

Placepot: £153.70. Grant reaches

highest total on Greenheart CHRIS Grant yesterday reg-istered his best tally of winners in a season, 81, when Green-heart won LCL Pils Lager-Handicap Chase at Newcastle. Grant had earlier been success-ful on Waltingo in the Federation Brewery Novices' Han-dicap Chase Final.

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The two wins contributed to a memorable day for trainer Arthur Stephenson, also successful at Newcastle with Stay On Tracks and at Haydock with Dancing River Stephenson is Dancing River. Stephenson is now only three short of his eighth century of winners in a

After the Federation Brewery After the Federation Brewery
Classic Lager Handicap Chase,
won by Stay On Tracks, the
stewards inquired into the running and riding of Kim Bailey's
Biloxi Blues, who finished a head second. Anthony Tory said his

instructions were not to hit the horse, as it resented the whip, and added that had he disobeyed those instructions between the last fence and the line, the horse would have been beaten even further.

The trainer confirmed the instructions and said he was satisfied with the jockey's rid-

ing. The stewards accepted the explanations. Darryll Holland, aged 17, rode his first winner when Sinclair Boy landed the Warnigh San Land Co. Basey. wick Spring Handicap for Barry

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fixture of the League programme, may have been irrelevant to all but the statcampaign accepted relegation to the more than 2,000 Oldham third division with only the merest hint of defiance, performed with refreshing spirit. The opening half was a peculiar affair, for while the because of injury, displayed a entertainment rarely dipped surprisingly high level of below an acceptable level,

But he has insisted that he will

not include anyone in his World

Cup squad who has not already

played for the senior squad. Unless he decides to blood the

player against Turkey in Izmir on May 27 en route to Italy, it would appear that McLoughlin

As well as Milligan, another

who may benefit from all this is Sheridan, but his selection for

the B international match

against Northern Ireland in Portadown next Tuesday does

not augur well for his chances of

going to Italy. The senior squad is strengthened by the return of Aldridge, Houghton and Slaven. Whelan is still injured.

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REFUBLIC OF RELAND: P Bonner (Ceibc) or G Peyton (Bournemouth); (from C Morris (Ceitc), D O'Leary (Arseral), M McCarthy (Millwall), 3 Staunton (Liverpool), C Hughton (Tottsham), A Townsend (Norwork City), L Brady (West Ham), K Sheedy (Everon), P McGath (Asson Vita), J Advidge (Rast Sociedad), A Cascarine (Aston Vita), B Steven (Middlestrough), J Byrne (Ls Havrs), R Hougiston (Liverpool), K Moran (Blackburn), F Stepleton (Blackburn), A MrcLauchlin (Swindon).

McLoughlin (Swindon). REPUBLIC OF IRELAND B SQUAD (to

has missed his chance.

youth and experience

MADRID (Reuter) — Spain have opted for a blend of youth and experience, with a heavy reliance on the league champions, Real Madrid, in their World Cup squad announced vesterday.

yesterday.

There were few surprises in the squad of 22, which included the Real Madrid forward, Emilio Butragueño, who scored five goals in Mexico, and the veteran goalkeeper, Andoni Zubizarreta, of Barcelona.

guel Chendo Porlán, and the midfield player, Michel Gon-zález, the Barcelona forward, Julio Salinas, and the substitute goalkeeper, Juan Carlos Ablancedo, from Sporting Gijón.
Youth is present with the Real
Madrid defender, Fernando
Hierro, the Zaragoza midfield
player, Francisco Villaroya, and

the forward, Miguel Pardeza, a former Real Madrid player. Second-placed Valencia provide the promising back, Quique Sanchez Flores, and the midfield player, Fernando Gómez. Besides Chendo and Butragueño, Suárez picked two Real Madrid defenders and two mid-

ing deep.
But Suarez surprisingly omit-ted the Barcelona midfield play-ers. Aitor Beguiristain, Eusebio

CSF: E75.31. tmm 40.Esec.

1.10 (1m 1), WELL FURGESTIED (Pat Eddery, 10-3); 2, Maintraid (I. Detton, 20-1); 3, Conjurer (B Rouse, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Wirthout Equal (6th), 11-2 Tara's belight (4th), 9 Rumway Romance (5th), 25 Usayish, 33 Mogul Prince, American Cornection, Kolonald, Escape Talk, 66 Singing Detective. 12 ran. 4f, 1½, ½, 2, 3. A Scott at Newmartet. Tote: 23.30; £1.70, £3.40, £2.00. DF: £29.90. CSF: £17.0, £3.40, £2.00. DF: £29.90. CSF: £37.94. Tricast: £399.11. tmm 61.B4sc. After a Steward's Inquiry the result stood. 3-40 (1m) 1, LANGTRY LADY (N

After a Steward's Inquiry the result stood.
3.40 (1m) 1, LANGTRY LADY (N
Gwilliams, 14-1); 2, Pride of Araby (Pat
Eddery, 9-2); 3, Tatilla (J Red, 14-1), ALSO
RAN: 4-1 law Milligan, 11-2 Evichstar (8th),
8 Sky Conqueror, 9 Fact Finder (4th),
Gidderdale, 16 Curtain Call, Vilamba (5th),
25 Verdant Boy, 33 No Submission, 12
ran, nd, 1%1, nk, %1, 71, M Ryan at
Newmarket, Tote: £16.80; £3.60, £2.30,
£4.80, DP: £51.90, CSF; £58.90, Tricase
672.291, 1enr. 30.40pac.

CSF: 226.21. Traumt: 157.20. 59.72s.
4.40 (im 4)1, EASTERN WHSPER (Pat Eddery, 9-1); 2. Calgary Redeys (W R Swebus), 3-1 is 2. Calgary Redeys (W R Swebus), 3-1 is 2. Astrican Chimes (W R Swebus), 3-1 is 2. Astrican Chimes (W R R Swebus), 3-1 is 3-

3.15 (im) 1, ZARNA (G Carter, 9-2); 2, Gymcrak Lovebird (M Birch, 8-1); 3, Walking Seint (R Perham, 100-30 Inv); 4, Le Saine POF (Dean McNeown, 18-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Silven Lines, 9 Sepperosa, Surelock Satars (6th), 10 Amazzike, 12 Kristenbosch, Rambadale (5th). Sincleir Prince, 14 Thorseby, 16 Ancient City, 25 This Spot, Doris Girl, President George, 16 ran. 41, rh. 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, M Shoute at Newmerket. Tota: ES.00; E1.70, E1.40, E1.70, E3.10. DF: £15.40, CSF: £46.75. Trusset E134.27. Time £4.75.

4.20 (1m 2! 50yd) 1. PARADOR (R Cochrane, 15-8 tay); 2, Absent Lover (K Darley, 8-1); 3. Trojan Lancer (J Love, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Evening Affair (5th), 7 Touch Above (4th). 10 Angel Bright, Habeta, 11 Amabetic Royate (5th), 33 Accessofhornchurch, Peruzzl. 10 rgn. 4, 11, bl., 2 bl., nl. G Harwood at Putborough. Tote: 22.90; E1.30, 52.40, E1.60. DF: E24.60. CSF. £19.61. Tricast: £49.44. 2min 13.05csc. After a stewards' Inquiry, result stood.

4.50 (5f) 1. NEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY (K Darloy, 9-2): 2. Playing Telent (A Murro, 7-1): 3. Horstay (P Burke, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav East Barms (440). 5 Milly Sharp, 11-2 Where's Carol, 6 Prefector (5th), 9 Just Run, 10 Minizen Ministrei, 12 Friendly Claim (6th), Aberfoyle, Ryedale Lass, 14 Bee Hive Hill, 16 Lifetimes Ambition, Performer, Severals Clare, Top Tem. 17 ran. 8, 51, 51, 41, 151, J Barry at Cockertem, Tota: E7 90: 22-70, 53:30, 25:30 DF: 222:90. CSF: 250:50. Tan-01,745ec.

5.20 (1m 4f) 1, RIVER GOD (S Cauthen, 2-13 fay); 2, Dandoon (G Carter, 7-1); 3, Calaball (S Perks, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 50 Green's Guard (4th), 56 Denham House (8th), Kalasee (5th) 6 ran. 10, 8, 10, 7, 10t. H Cacil at Newmarket. Tota: £1.20: £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.60, CSF: £1.82, 2mm 5.9 (3m ch) 1, Proplus (N Willemson, 10-11 fav); 2, Scale Model (20-1); 3, Samons Owen (6-1) 7 ran, 20, sh hd. J Edwards, 70te: £1.80; £1.70, £3.70, DF; £18.10, CSF;£17.15 Pleospet 151.50.

Pecapet: 1122.60.

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ALTHOUGH there are only three runners for the Dalham Chester Vase at Chester today, there will be no lack of interest as the search for the likely winner of this year's Derby

This is the trial that pointed to both Henbit and Shergar being good enough to win at Epsom at the beginning of the last decade. Since then, Law Society and Old Vic have won it prior to capturing the Irish Derby. In Old Vic's case he also won the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) first.

Being by El Gran Senor, the winner of the Irish Derby, and out of a mare by Top Ville, who won the French Derby, Belmez certainly has an ideal pedigree for today's distance and he is my selection.

When I was in Newmarket last week I saw him work very nicely indeed on the Limekilns round gallop with tion a stage further, Mission- Breezed Well, Fedoria and

By Mandarin

2.15 It's All Academic.

2.45 Regimental Arms. 3.15 Belmez.

3.45 Ottergayle. 4.15 Pandy. 4.45 Rivers Rhapsody.

2.15 LILY AGNES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,841: 5f) (6 runners)

Going: good

Those who attach importance to times may find it years ago. significant that when Belmez won the Burghclere Stakes on his seasonal debut at Newbury last month, he recorded a time 2.1 seconds faster than did Quest For Fame over the same course and distance the day

Since then Dress Parade, the horse that Quest For Fame beat, and a stable companion of Beimez, has let the form down somewhat by finishing only third at Newmarket last Thursday.

Barry Hills, who has always regarded a race at Chester as an essential part of a horse's education, will saddle Missionary Ridge, who is a close relative of not only Cracaval, one of his two previous winners of today's trial, but also Dibidale, who won the Cheshire Oaks.

Taking the Chester connec-

By Our Newmarket

Correspondent

2.15 Sir Tasker.

3.15 Belmez

4.45 ---

3.45 Nayland.

Draw: low numbers best in sprints

4.15 Ivory Way.

CHESTER

Selections

By Michael Seely

3.45 Fedoria, 4.45 Fiddling,

BETTRIG: 7-4 Virtage Only, 5-2 It's All Academic, 5-1 Gone Savage, 9-2 Miss El Arab, 12-1 Prince Of Ire-

1989: LYNOSEYLEE 8-6 J Carroll (11-4 jt-fav) J Berry 6 ran

FORM FOCUS GONE SAVAGE kept on well when ¼1 2nd to Level Xing on Kempton (5f. good) debut.

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(5f. firm). MISS EL ARAB (tame terms) 5f 4th when

S222-2 AMBROSE 10 (Mrs. G Johnson Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 S Cauthen
6 BAYLIS 20 (Sheikh Mohemmad) L Cumeni 9-0 L Dettor)
7 S-3 JAMEN 22 (J Penros) G Wragg 9-0 G Carter
7 G0000-9 ONE FOR THE BOYS 7 (J Ruddy) F Durr 9-0 G Barcher
8-6 POSTAGE STAMP 16 (R Sengster) J Hills 9-0 M H Hills
4 REGIMENTAL ARMS 21 (Sir Gordon White) B Hills 9-0 Pat Eddery
4440-8 RES 998A LOCATION 19 (T Painting) R Hollinehead 9-0 S Parks 6
5-2390 STORM JRS 4 (D Davies) S Prescs 9-0 G Hind (5)
9 GHZAALH 17 (H A-Malsgount) W Hern 8-9 W Cartson
HEAD OF APFARIS (D Aykroyd) C W Elsey 8-9 Date Gibson (3)
0 TARDA 20 (Lady Durham) G Pritchard-Cordon 8-9 Bate Reymend

SETTINGS 3-1 Regimental Arms, 7-2 Jamin, 4-1 Gzasit, 8-1 Bayis, 10-1 Res ipsa Loquitur, 14-1 Am-

1989: SHARADOUN 9-0 W R Swinburn (11-10 fev) M Stoute 9 run

FORM FOCUS ARSEROSE kept on at one pace when 112nd on strongly to finish 4¼1 4th of 17 to Great Heights on Nowmarket (1m 2t, good). Runs here in of 15 to Kestagens on Leicester (1m 2t, good to firm). BAYLIS had the herd-pulling TARDA (same terms) 71 back in 12th when a running on \$1 th of 15 to 13 to 14 to 15 to 14 to 15 t

2.45 GROSVENOR MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,737: 1m 2f 85yd) (11 (-..., C4).

the Ormonde Stakes there five

Now Hills, who was aghast at the way that Missionary Ridge performed at Sandown first time out when he was a disappointing fourth in the Guardian Classic Trial, is hoping that his colt can recapture the form he showed when a creditable third to Saturday's 2,000 Guineas winner Tirol in last year's Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury. However Missionary Ridge

fares, Regimental Arms can give the master of Manton something to smile about by winning the Grosvenor Maiden Stakes. I liked the way that this half-brother to Gildoran shaped behind Great Heights at Newmarket and he is preferred to Jamin, who finished third behind Now Listen and Eton Lad at Not-

Pandy, my selection for the Manweb Handicap, caught the eye when finishing a Wassl Port, Nayland,

Long handicap: Henry Will 7-2.

Trophy. On the revised terms,

3.45 TOTE CREDIT HANDICAP TROPHY (E14,605: 7f 122yd) (15

BRTTING: 5-1 Wassi Port, 11-2 Hacktorth, 7-1 True Dividend, 8-1 Neytand, 10-1 Atail Atail, Henry Will, Ottergayle, 12-1 Hard To Figure, 14-1 others.

1999; YOUNG JASON 6-8-5 S Perks (9-1) F Lee 16 ran

FORM FOCUS WASSL PORT driven of the process of the policy
507 (11) 321-0 CAMBO 21 (0,F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-9-11. Pat Eddery 502 (3) 1511-04 FINE TDP 14 (D,F,Q) (Mrs A Valentons) R Alshurst 5-9-6. S Cauther 503 (13) 6310- IVORY WAY 259 (CD,F) (Shelkh Mchammed) J Golden 4-9-5. B Raymond 504 (9) 202130- NORTHANTS 1014 (R,D,F,Q,S) (J Arrb) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-1. B Creenley 505 (5) 2410-0 ALJARIH 21 (D,G) (H Al-Maiktouri) H Thomson Jones 4-9-13. R Hille 506 (16) 5230(0 TERMINATOR 45 (D,Q,S) (W O'Gormen) Jirmby Fitzgenid 7-8-12. K Fallow 507 (8) 0/510-3 PANEDY 21 (F) (R McAlpine) J Hills 4-3-10. W Caraom 509 (2) 5229- ROYALIST 215 (Shelkh Mchammed) J Watth 4-9-9. Deen McKlower 509 (2) 5229- ROYALIST 215 (Shelkh Mchammed) J Watth 4-9-9. Deen McKlower 510 (17) 5010-20 CHORAL SUNDOWN 22 (D,F,G) (D Ford) C W Beey 4-8-8. Dale Gibbson (3) 511 (9) 500-10 BIRSTWITH 12 (CD,R-3) (D Ajcock) C W Beey 4-8-8. Dale Gibbson (3) 512 (10) 249400- LILY'S LOVER 178 (G) (Platinum Recing) G Pritchad-Gordon 4-8-5. L Dettert 513 (12) 213-40 ADMIRALTY WAY 12 (G) (C Murphy) M O'Mell 4-8-0. J Fortume (5) 515 (15) 11403-0 PHANAN 47 (F,G) (A Saleh) F Doty 4-7-9. L Chambook 517 (4) 50035 PERSIAN EMPEROR 7 (7) (Mrs C Painting) R Hollisehead 5-7-7. A Garth (7) Long Randforg: No More The Fool 7-5, Persian Emperor 7-2.

BETTING: 11-4 Fire Top, 9-2 Cambo, 8-1 Pandy, 7-1 Ivory Way, 10-1 Lily's Lover, 12-1 Aljarin, Birstwith

1989: SOLO ARTIST 4-8-7 Paul Eddery (11-1) | Matthews 14 ran

4.15 MANWEB HANDICAP (£7,584: 1m 2f 85yd) (17 runners)

Long handloss: No More The Fool 7-5. Persian Emparor 7-2.

I just prefer Ottergayle.

1 Newmarket first time out. In the meantime, Eradicate has won again there. It's All Academic, my choice to win the Lily Agnes Stakes, showed the requisite speed on her debut at Pontefract when easily accounting

taken to remain unbeaten by winning the Metropole Challenge Cup at Folkestone where Talabayra, who is the reason for Walter Swinburn's presence on the East Kent course, is napped to win the Barham Three-Year-Old Maiden Walter Swinburn: rides Stakes on the strength of her Talabayra at Folkestone consistently good home work. Being by Darshaan and out Ottergayle, who finished first, second, third, fifth and tenth of a half-sister to Top Ville, she should relish the trip and in the Spring Cup at Newbury, meet again in the Tote Credit account for her main rival,

> Blinkered first time CHESTER: 4.15 No More The Fool. SALISBURY: 3.0 Mexican Vision, Copper Top. FOLKESTONE: 7.20 Hardy Hawk.

> > (C4 2)

for two previous winners. Finally, Timeless Times is

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

THE stewards were besieged by an angry crowd after The Forties had been judged the winner of the maiden race at the Fernie the maiden race at the Fernie point-to-point on Saturday. When houses are wide apart, the worst position for determining finishing order and distances is right against the rails, yet organizers persist in giving this position to the judge.

To those opposite the line

with a panorantic view, it appeared that Nick Connors had definitely finished in front on Rapid Wave but the judge gave the verdict of a neck the other way.
The firm to hard ground took

its toll on the number of runners at most meetings and at the Cotswold spectators had to wait until the third race to see any action with a walkover in the for the adjacent.

Alison Dare, in winning the match for the ladies' open on Romulex, rook her seasonal total to 17 and needs only three more to equal Josie Sheppard's record score of 1974. After 11 horses had taken part

in the natural country race at the Old Surrey & Burstow, only 15 more turned out for the other six races in which all the winners except El Padre were long odds-

on favourites.

The West Norfalk, however, produced good ground at Fakenham and averaged over 10 runners a race. Pendil's Niece became a live contender for The Times championship final with an impressive win in the PPOA

William Wales, who rode Pendil's Niece, went on to complete a double on Darr-ington Deal in the open. This George Vergene's top class pointer, Stockman.

Four came to the last together

at the end of the four-mile ladies' open at the Modbury and only two lengths separated them at the finish. Queen Beyan held on well for Janine Mills to beat Vulman but Dicky Blob, only a short head behind, may have been unlucky as he slipped on the bend rwo out.

In the ladies' open at the Pendle Forest & Craven, Jean-

nie Brown went the wrong side of a marker on the favourite, Ask Jean with Eluccoat Boy, ridden by Fiona Tate, being awanted the race.

Gary Hanmer was the most ful rider at the Albrighton, hanging on by only a neck in the adjacent on Our Fandango before winning the maiden on Jay'ay'dee.

Belmez to strengthen Derby claim

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

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Creditable third behind Eradicate and Lord David S at Newmarket first time out. In

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Newmarket first time out. In decisions Haydock prize

early in the straight and dis-mounted to lead him all the way back, the horse looking very

Jimmy Fitzgerald, the win-ning trainer, said: That's a nice way to finish the season. He pulled very hard at Liverpool where the slow pace didn't suit him. When Tommy Carmody said he was going to make it a good gallop, I knew that would

suit my horse.
"Two miles is Sybillin's trip
and he loves the top of the and. There's a four-year-old race in France in June that the owner is keen on but it's 21/2 miles and I don't think he'll get the trip. He looked moderate at one time but he's improved so much I think he could now

make into a very decent horse. Mark Dwyer had been booked to ride Sybillin but, explaining the jockey switch, Fitzgerald said: "Mark couldn't do under 10st 4lb and it's a good job we didn't put up any overweight." Byrne, assured of the con-

SYBILLIN, skilfully ridden by Derek Byrne, captured the last major prize of the jumping aeason, the £25,720 Swinton Insurance Trophy, at Haydock Park yesterday.

Although Tommy Carmody dashed the Irish challenger, Vestris Abu, into a long lead, Byrne did not panic. He improved Sybillin very gradually and, after jumping ahead at the final flight, pushed out Sybillin with hands and heels to resist the late challenge of Windbound Lass by three-quarters of a length with Vestris Abu third.

Sayparee, the 9-4 favourise, was a big disappointment. Jonothan Lower pulled him upearly in the straight and disserted the late and the straight and disserted the late and the straight and disserted the st

Bernard Hathaway, the winning owner, said: "He's a nice horse and I'm very pleased with him. He had plenty of weight today but he battled on well and that was a good performance. He could win on the Flat but he's a particularly good jumper and I think we should stick to

this game."
Reg Akehurst and Luke Harvey, responsible for the beaten favourite, Old Virginia, in Dancing River's race, gained quick compensation when Loaningdale followed up last week's Ascot success in the

Swinton Estate Agents Novices' Handicap Hurdle. The 2-1 favourite needed a couple of sharp reminders from Harvey turning for home but then quickly took command and came away to score by six lengths in a very fast time. Loaningdale is now unbeaten

in his two starts in blinkers.
"He's a bit lazy and is a lot
better with the blinkers on,"
Harvey said.

Pipe hits 200 again but Scudamore has bad day

MARTIN Pipe reached a double century for the second successive season when sadding six winners yesterday. A treble at Devon & Exeter, a double at Fontwell Park and the victory of Forest Flame at Ludlow combined to take the Wellington trainer's tally to 202.

However, the day did not go as well for Peter Scudamore on three weeks off through injury. The champion jockey, riding Ultra Violet for Pipe in the West of England Homes Ltd Novices Hurdle at Devon, was lying second when the gelding swer-ved over to the chase course

after jumping the penultimate

flight. Scudamore failed to retrace his steps, did not weigh in and was disqualified. Then, after partnering Gold Service to a 12-length victory in the second race, Scudaniore gave up his four later rides because he was suffering dis-comfort from the injured ribs and wrist he sustained at Cheltenham last month. His four mounts were taken

over by Jimmy Frost, who won on the first two. Don't Be Late and Bradmore's Vision.

At Fontwell, Mark Perrett rode both of Pipe's winners, Royal Wonder and Walk Of Life, and completed a treble on Marchman for Jeff King.

CHEPSTOW

Selections By Mandarin

2.0 Flaxen King, 2.30 Tri Folene, 3.0 Panto Prince, 3.30 Fortlimon, 4.0 Tom Penny, 4.30 The

Brian Beel's selection: 4.0 Las Going: good to firm (watering)

2.0 KEN MORGAN FINAL FLING NOVICES CHASE (£2,115: 3m) (4 runners)

3 21PP COMEDY BASIN 17 (D.S.F) R Holder 7-11-12 P Richards 4 PG24 MONTGOMERY 22 (D.F.G.S) W McKarzie-Coles 3-11-12 W Invine (3)

Evens Flaxen King, 11-8 Sizage Motors, 5-1 Managomery, 14-1 Comedy Basin, 2.30 STATUS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,744: 2m 4f) (5)

4-5 Tri Folene, 5-2 Bonnie Dundee, 11-2 Court Appeal, 10-1 Range Weer, 20-1 Train Robber.

3.0 COINMASTER CHASE (£3,073: 2m) (2) 1 3466 PANTO PRINCE 33 (CD,F,Q,S) C Pophern 9-12-0 2 F111 WINGSPAN 22 (C,D,F,Q,S) M Pipe 6-12-0 P Southment

4-7 Panto Prince, 11-10 Wingspan. Course specialists TRANSERS: M Pipe, 36 winners from 114 numers, 31.5%; C Brooks, 4 from 15, 30.6%; Mrs J Pitman, 17 from 85, 20.0%; R (Holder, 7 from 45, 15.6%; J Edwards, 9 from 69, 12.0%. (Only queliflars). quantum; 3.
JOCKEYS: P Scustamore, 55 winners from 174 rides, 32.2%; S J
O'Nelli, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Pitman, 11 from 51, 21.6%; J Wittie,
4 from 19, 21.1%; R Duramody, 13 from 52, 15.9%; Peter Hobbs.
9 from 74, 12.2%. 3.30 CRYSTAL BALL CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,758:

1 1FPQ JAZETAS 60 (B.D.Q.S) N Callegran 7-11-12 D Merpby 2 1111 FORTLINON (0.0.S) M Poe 4-11-7 P Scudencer 3 12F0 SLEEPLINE ROYALE 38F (0.0.S) R Holder 4-11-4 4 TIGER LINE K Balley 7-11-4. 1 Land 5 5021 THATS NICE 24 (8,0,F,Q,S) C Popham 7-11-3 6 S00P FATHER JOHN 5 Mrs J Wonnscott 5-11-2 S Feeter (7) 7 0023 RAGTIME SOLO 12 (B,CD,S) R Hodges 5-11-2

9 8- GLENTINO 543 P Hobbs 5-10-12 Peter Hobbs 10 9-00 TURE-BEE 10 (B.D.F.S) J Smith 9-10-11 S J O'Neil 11 9700 CORE HALLEY 10 Mrs. A Kright 4-10-5 C (Reight 12 /US- TREE DANCE 574 D Burchell 7-10-5 D J Berchell

4.0 RMC GROUP NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,506: 3m) (3)

4.30 PIERCEFIELD PARK HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,160: 3m) (10)

1 1422 KINGS RANK 84 (BJBF,F,Q,S) M Pips 5-11-10 P Scuti 1 1422 NIRSO TRUSH DE LA SERVICIO DEL SERVICIO DE LA SERVICIO DE LA SERVICIO DE LA SERVICIO DE LA SERVICIO DEL SERVICIO DE LA SERVICIO DEL 5 2301 CAPTAIN AHAB 10 (D.F.) G Builing 8-11-1 J Front 6 FSF2 CHUCKLESTONE 7F J King 7-11-1 J White 7 6542 LAPIAFFE 22 (D.F.G.) R Hodges 5-10-11

5-4 Kings Rank, 9-2 Bosssan Chiatsin, 13-2 Ceptain Ahab. Lady Wastown, 8-1 Lapistis, 14-1 The Gasicham, 16-1 others-

7.20 DOVER HANDICAP (£2,427: 1m 4f) (9) FOLKESTONE 3 B231 SAXON COURT 13 (B,D,F) K Brassey 4-9-12 5 Whiteonth

Selections By Mandarin

6.0 TALABAYRA (nap). 6.25 Grondola. 6.50 Timeless Times. 7.20 Fugler's Folly. 7.50 North Country. 8.20 Zero Time. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.0 TALABAYRA (nap). 6.25 Tignanello. 6.50 Timeless Times. 7.20 Fugler's Folly. 7.50 North Country. 8.20 Pomme D'Amour. Michael Seely's nap: 8.20 AIREDALE.

Going: firm Draw: 51-61, high numbers best 6.0 BARHAM MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEP-STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,060: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

4-5 Talabayra, 7-4 Kalmadene, 8-1 Nikolayevrth, 12-1 Spotlorth, 20-1 Phoistrelle, Stroke Of Luck. 6.25 TIM FREEMAN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O:

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1 1 LEAR (EADER 10 (D.F) C Nelson 9-1 J Reid 1 2 1111 TMELESS TIMES 13 (D.F) W O'Gorman 9-1 A Munto 2 3 1 KURRIENUIR 10 (D.F) W G M Turner 6-10 ____ R Fox 3

6.58 METROPOLE CHALLENGE CUP STAKES

4-5 Timeless Times, 8-4 Lear Leader, 8-1 Kirriemuir.

2 38-6 GENUINE GIFT 32 J Bridger 5-9-11 SWhiberoff 4
3 0-00 CASPIAN GATES 8 (D.F) A Lee 6-9-11 J Guinn 5
4 01-6 PROUD PATRIOT 43 (D.BF.F) R Alekturst 5-9-0 W R Swinburn 6
5 000 HARDY HAWK 15 (B.D.G.S) C Austin 5-9-0 R Price (7) 2
6 0-00 NICOLARI 8 (D.F) T Jones 5-8-9 R Fine (7) 2
7 --942 FUGLER'S FOLLY 22 W Haggas 3-8-8. Ron H08s (5) 7
8 0531 DADOY'S DARLING 33 (D.F.S) J Gittord 5-8-8
R Cockrane 3 9 0252 TROJAN DEBUT 29 M Ryan 4-7-13 G Bardwell 9 3-1 Proud Patriot, 4-1 Saxon Court, 9-2 Trojan Debut, 11-2 Fugler's Folly, 7-1 Deddy's Darling, 10-1 others. 7.50 FOLKESTONE GRADUATION GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,060: 6f) (6) 1 50-6 SECRET FOUR 8 (6) R Akehurst 4-9-10. L Carter (7) 5
2 5-0 MURFRED VILLAGE 8 S Dow 4-9-0. C Campbell (7) 2
3 25-0 MISS SARANSUE 8 J Long 4-8-9. R Price (7) 3
4 00-0 MY LADY MISSTREL 29 J Specing 4-8-9. D Mischells 1
5 52-2 NORTH COUNTRY 18 (8F) H Cock 3-8-3. W Ryen 4
6 430 THORNZEE 8 J Bridger 3-7-12
2-7 North Country, 6-1 Secret Four, 8-1 Mulrifield Village.
14-1 Thornzee, 33-1 Miss, Sarahsue, My Lady Minstrel. 8.20 WALMER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,385; 1m 2f) 11-4 Airedale, 7-2 Zero Time, 9-2 Pomme C'Amour, 5-1 Ai sheen, 6-1 Arctic Heights, 7-1 Ivory's Of Radiett, 12-1 others.

Course specialists TRAINERS: G Harwood, 25 winners from 66 runners, 37.9%; M Stoute, 9 from 26, 32.1%; W O Gorman, 4 from 14, 28.6%; Dr J Scargel, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Cole, 9 from 40, 22.5%; N Callaghan, 5 from 25, 20.0%. JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 13 winners from 70 rides, 18,6%; N Day, 4 from 28, 15,4%; W Ryan, 7 from 48, 14,6%; R Cochrane, 13 from 91, 14,3%; Paul Eddeny, 12 from 93, 12,9%; J Reid, 15 from 131, 11,5%.

Hind has lucky escape

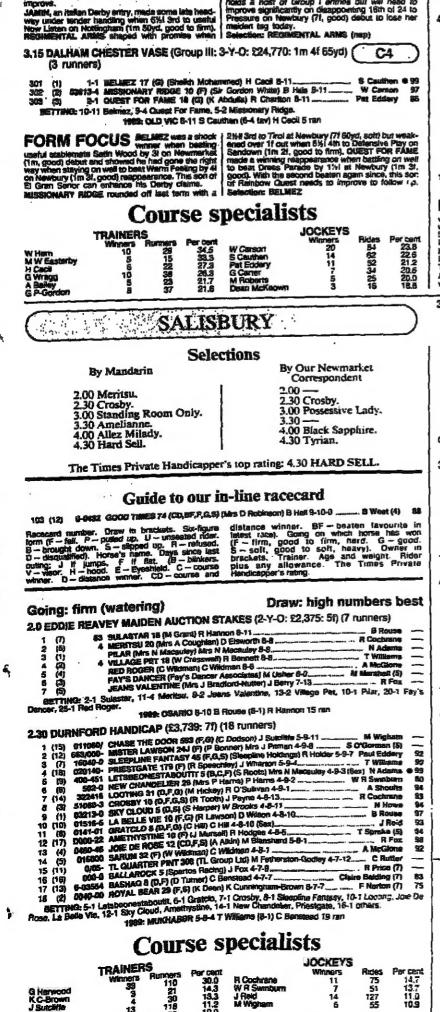
PLASTIC running rails saved | ride again during the afternoon, Gary Hind from serious injury | Hind was brought back badly PLASTIC running rails saved
Gary Hind from serious injury
at Warwick yesterday when his
mount Shannon Express fell and
crashed into them after 1th
furlongs of the Offchurch Bury
Polo Club Handicap.

Hind, aged 21. said: "If it had
not been for the plastic rails I
could have been dead or have
broken my back. It all happened.

broken my back. It all happened so quickly and I was pinned down by my horse as we lay tangled up in the rails."

Ordered by the doctor not to

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BANK holidays, Lord's and mixture at any time. The problems. goodly throng who came to headquarters yesterday — a strong contingent from the Antipodes had left Earls Court empty - were also given the blessing of a vintage innings by David Gower.

In making 97 from 104 balls, in his most fluent style. he caressed the ball to the boundary 11 times and wafted it for two sixes. He was the destroyer in chief of a New Zealand attack, later also taken apart by Middlesex's Keith Brown, with 79 not out, as MCC, consisting largely of a Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Middlesex combination cruised to a comfortable win.

Not too much should be read into the result. It was an outing rather than a foray. New Zealand's batting demonstrated the attacking merits of Greatbatch, a burly lefthander already renowned as a while Franklin and Martin over of the innings.

and Bainbridge caused most

Gower, the familiar trademarks - floppy white hat, red socks - on full view, brought a sigh of relief to every Englishman when he struck the first ball he received a resounding crack past cover for four. Within in the next three overs any doubts that all was right with his world were cast aside. Morrison was the sufferer. First a six into the Mound; then in his next over, which cost 17 runs, two fours and a two, all square of the wicket.

Morrison had been bowling with damaged finger ligaments on his left hand, susfighter, and confirmed the tained in a brave attempt at a strong striking ability of Jones: diving catch in the second

Vengsarkar recall for England tour BOMBAY (Reuter) - India for us, because we have not been

recalled Dilip Vengsarkar, aged winning." Azbaruddin said. "It 34, the batsman who is a former captain, yesterday for this year's three-Test England tour in a 16-man party with only two players of the convention of the property of the pro

Mohammad Azharuddin will lead the team, which includes Kapil Dev. aged 31, the all-rounder, who is also a former "It's a team for the Nineties to Lord's.

because only two players are over 30," Raj Singh Dungarpur, the head of the selection com-

Azharuddin was appointed the third India captain in the space of four months for the tour of New Zealand earlier this year. His side lost the three-Test series 1-0. "It will be a tough Test series

Davis has a day to

remember RICHARD Davis, the Kent leftarm spinner, was awarded his county cap after his bowling had brought a previously moribund match to life and paved the way for a Kent victory with time to

Kent had lost the final wicket of their first innings to the first ball of the day and Sussex, facing a delicit of 109, passed 100 for the loss of only two wickets. Davis then dismissed Moores and the Wells brothers in the space of 12 balls without conceding a run. He finished with career-best figures of six for 59 in 26 overs as Sussex were bowled out for 189.

Kent, needing no more than 81 to win from 21 overs, recovered from the loss of two early wickets through Fleming and Taylor. Both went with the score at 79 and Ward fell with the scores level, leaving Marsh to glance his first ball for four.

SUSSEX: First Innings 356 (P W G Parker 107, A P Wells 69, N J Lenham 63).

Second Immigs
TP Moores of Benson b Davis
N J Lenham of Ward b loglesden ...
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BOWLING: De Villiers 12.1-4-37-2: Elisor 6-4-10-0: Devis 26-10-59-6; Fleming 11-5-21-0; Ward 2-0-6-1.

21-0; Ward 2-0-5-1
KENT: First Innings
S G Hinks c North b C M Weits
M R Benson c Speight b Dodemade 1
N B Taylor c Speight b Hansford
T R Ward c Moores b Hansford
C S Cowdrey low b Dodemade
†S A Marsh b Dodemade
†S A Marsh b Dodemade
M V Reming c Moores b Hansford
M F Heiting b Dodemade

P S de Vilhers c Dodemade
b C M Weits
R P Davis run out

BOWLING: Dodemade 43.1-10-105-4; Hanstord 35-11-91-3; C M Wells 30-9-67-2; Salisbury 80-15-135-0; North 15-6-30-0; Gould 2-0-8-0; Lenham 2-1-8-0.

S G Hanks c Moores b Dodemaide

M R Benson c Moores b Dodemaide

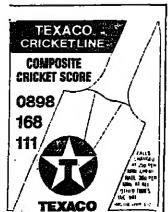
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T R Ward liby b Dodemaide

C S-Cowdray not only

Extras (ID 4) 4 Total (5 wkts, overs) 54 R M Ellison, P S de Vitilers, R P Davis, A P Igglesden did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-23, 3-79, 4-79, BOWLING: Dodemaide 7-1-29-4 Hansford 7-0-31-0; Salsbury 5-1-20-1, Umpres: D J Constant and N T Plews.



New Zealand's total of 222 for eight eventually melted before Gower at his best and it was difficult, with the best will in the world, to agree with the MCC president when he made Brown, for all the robust merit of his innings, man of the

bowls conventional leg spin and [Anil] Kumble bowls flatter."

the Gloucestershire captain,

became bogged down and was out to a fine diving catch by the alert and impressive Parore behind the stumps.

With Ramprakash snapped

up at short extra, MCC were 62 for three and of these Gower had made 41.

Brown matched Gower run

for run as he gained in confidence, as the two of them

put on 109, and well before the

end it was only a question of when MCC would win.

Bainbridge accompanied Brown through the closing overs to round off a pleasing all-round day for him and

victory came with four overs

to spare.
SYDNEY: Australia and

Pakistan will play each other

in two one-day matches in the

United States later this month

(AP reports). David Richards.

Australian Cricket Board chief

executive, said they would

play in New York on May 12

and at the Los Angeles Coli-

The tour will give Vengsarkar a chance to add another century V P Terry b Milmow
A J Winght c Parore b Snedden
D I Gower c Parore b Snedden
M R Ramprakesh c M D Crowe
b Snedden
K R Brown not out to the three he has scored on each of his three previous visits The party will travel to Ban-galore for training from June 1 to 15 before leaving for England on June 22. The first match is Bainbridge not out Extras (b 4. to 3, w 4) .



Attacking style: Greatbatch demonstrates fighting qualities against MCC at Lord's

on June 2. The first match is against Yorkshire on June 30. TOUR PARTY: Mohammad Azharuddin (captam), Ravi Shasth. Naviot Sagn Sighi. Woken Venkataraman. Sanjay Marijekar. Sachin Tendulkar. Disp Vengsarkar. Kapil Dev. Kran More. Manoj Prabhakar. Atul Wassan. Sanjay Sharma. Venkarapathy Raju. Narandra Hirvara. Nayar Mongal, And Kumble. Foster walks as tall as the scoring with maiden 100

ALMOST to the end, the pitch remained utterly true and the game drifted to stalemate in aquiet manner. Neil Foster, in the first half-hour, reached his maiden century to provide a fleeting moment of interest. Essex then declared at 761 for six before Leicestershire lost only three wickets as they batted out the day. As evidence for arguments

about the pattern of county cricket, 1990-style, the match was more bountiful. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with tall scoring, which a great many people enjoy. It has always been liable to occur, even in England, when the pitch or other factors have been weighed heavily in the batsmen's favour.

In bygone days, though, when this happened, the balance tended to be redressed by having uncovered pitches. Should the authorities feel that their new specifications for a nine-strand seam on the ball, coupled with better pitches, have gone too far, perhaps they should consider, in addition, a return to uncovered pitches?

Among the Test and County five sixes and eight fours.

By Geoffrey Wheeler

THE first qualifiers for the quarter-finals of this season's

Benson and Hedges Cup will be known after today's series of

matches, which many foot-

weary bowlers will no doubt

approach with relief, knowing

they can be in the field for no more than 55 overs.

The pick of the programme looks to be the game at New Road between Worcestershire and Glamorgan, the latter with a

100 per cent record of success in limited-overs cricket so far this

have won both their previous cup matches, recall Neal Radford, who missed the

Worcestershire, who also

FOLKESTONE: Kent (20pts) CHELMSFORD: Essex (5pts) to make bowlers work harder game's fifth hundred, and skills. In the later stages of this match, the occasional ball turned and some dust flew. Neither side's slow bowlers, however, could impart enough turn to take advantage, which was an indictment of the kind the board have in mind to remedy.

After the 554 runs which Saturday brought, with double hundreds for Gooch and Prichard, this final day was always likely to prove anticlimactic. Foster, resuming at 83, opened his shoulders at everything bowled by Agnew and Ferris and reached his century when he glanced Ferris for a single.

Foster had faced 79 balls and batted 83 minutes. He received a standing ovation when he was run out soon afterwards and Essex declared. Their total briefly was the fifth largest championship total in history but in little more than an hour Lancashire at the Oval relegated them to sixth Foster's dismissal came when a straight drive by Hardie against Agnew was deflected into the stumps by the bowler. He finished with Briers, who completed the

championship win over Not-linghamshire with a groin in-

ingnamsnire with a groin in-jury. The wicketkeeper, Steve Rhodes, will have a late fitness test on the fractured thumb which has kept him out of the last two games. Glamorgan are hoping that their captain, Alan Butcher, who played a match-

winning innings against Gloucestershire in their last

The other game in this group,

at Canterbury, involves Kent and Warwickshire, both beaten

in their opening games. Warwickshire have included Si-mon Green, the opening bats-

man, in their party, Green, aged 20, made his debut in 1988 but

was restricted to one chamo-

match, will be fit to resume.

century-opening stand of the match without any problems when Leicestershire batted. It was the first time for 25 years that a Leicestershire pair have achieved this feat.

Boon at 170 was caught at short fine leg as he tried to sweep; Whitaker was yorked in the first over after tea. LEICESTERSHIRE: First Irvnings 520 (C C Lewis 189 not out, T J Boon, N E Briefs 65, L Potter).

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"J Boon c Waugh b Childs
"J Whiteler b Stephenson
"D R Benson net" Benson not out tras (b 5, lb 3, w 1, nb 6)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-170, 2-205, 3-236.

dras (b 9, to 20, w 3, no 16) ...

Total (6 wifts dec) 761
Score at 100 overs: 435 for 1.
N Shand, J H Childs, S J W Andrew and P M Such did not bar.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-485, 3-551, 4-827 E-580 E-781 FALL OF WINCH'S: 1-92, 2-90, 3-951, 9-587, 5-589, 6-761, 8-687, 5-589, 6-761, 8-681, 31-3-124-2; Agnew 30.5-4-170-0; Ferris 23-2-100-0; Lawis 26-3-115-3; Potter 14-0-91-0; Gidley 25-3-121-0; Benson 2-0-11-0. res: D R Shepherd and K E Palmer.

ionship appearance last season.
Nottinghamshire, the holders,
who cannot afford to lose
another match in group D, will
be without Eddie Hemmings

against Scotland in Glasgow. Hemmings, hit on the jaw by a ball from Dilley yesterday, is hoping to be back for the home

This could turn out to be crucial, especially if North-amptonshire still without Lamb and Nick Cook, fail to win

today's game against Essex, who will be certain qualifiers if they come out on top. Northampton-

shire are able to include Thomas

with Northamptonshire

game with on Saturday.

and Ambrose.

Respite day for foot-weary bowlers

Dilley form comes as mixed blessing By John Woodcock WORCESTER: Worcestershire and Randall caught at the wicket (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (2) off an outswinger.

by an innings and six runs BOWLING as well as I have seen him do for a long time, Graham Dilley soon put an end to Nottinghamshire's resistance

at Worcester yesterday.

For a good Bank holiday crowd, this was a mixed blessing. While pleased to see Worcestershire win so convincingly, they found themselves. soon after noon, with nothing to watch and nowhere to go. By then Nottinghamshire had plunged from 302 for four to 341

After a difficult winter, which the ground found itself acting as an ocean bed, the groundsman had come up with a pretty good first championship pitch. After the Severn's second invasion, he took 13 skip-loads scourings from the outfield.

Had five wickets fallen for only 39 runs last year, when the batting side had been expected to put up a show, one would at once have suspected the pitch. Now, it was not so much that as the fact that Dilley swung the new ball around and pitched it

By the close of play on Saturday, Johnson and Randall had added 188 for the fifth wicket in Nottinghamshire's second innings. They had increased this by only seven yesterday when both were out -Johnson leg before trying to pull

Fraser unavailable for the game

with Sussex at Hove, which might provide the eventual winners of group B, while in group C Hampshire are at last able to put their strongest side in

the field against Lancashire at Old Trafford, but it is probably

too late for them to retain an interest in the destiny of the

Martyn Moxon, having just recovered from a broken toe.

has a bad cut on the right hand.

which makes him a doubtful starter for the home game with

ned Universites.

hire are able to include Thomas showed against Lancashire last week that they are again a team to be reckoned with.

The Yorkshire captain,

In the same over in which Randall went, French followed. also caught at the wicket. Hemmings was led away after being hit on the jaw by Dilley. whereupon Stephenson and Cooper hung around for a while before Dilley bowled Cooper and Pick with successive balls. In 8.2 overs yesterday. Dilley took four for 16 and had

Stephenson dropped off a straightforward chance at slip. Botham, by the way, is back in the nets after having his knee tidled up. He is expected to be playing again, at the latest, against Essex at the end of next week, though it would surprise no one if he appeared before that in the Benson and Hedges either today or on Thursday.

ALISTAIR GRAN

Hemmings retired hurt Cooper b Dilley

Umoves, B Leadbeater and K J Lyons,

Britannic Assurance Championship table

(1989 positions in brackets)

ICE HOCKEY

Heat too great for Crisp at Flames

CALGARY, Alberta - Terry Crisp, who last year coached Calgary Flames to its first Stanley Cup championship and had a .688 winning percentage over three seasons, was dismissed yesterday. "It is the feeling that to maximize the potential of our hockey club, it necessitates a change of coach." franchise history in 1987. He the Flames general manager, replaced Bob Johnson, who left Cliff Fletcher, said.

Fletcher, who said that Crisp had the option of remaining with a team in a meaningful capacity". Fletcher said that the team is examining candidates curred the wrath of players for for the coach's job and a yelling at them in public. Team decision could be made in a few

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Crisp had a 144-63-33 wonlost-drawn record in three sea-sons. But early departures from the play-offs the other two years. including this year's elimination by the Los Angeles Kings in the first round, did not help him. Crisp, aged 46, was named the Flames' fifth head coach in franchise history in 1987. He Crisp. They disliked his boorish to take charge of the Amateur

United States. Crisp, whose red hair matched his fiery temper, in-curred the wrath of players for owners asked him to tone down his foul language because of

Hockey Association of the

complaints from supporters Little criticism was heard last season when the Flames won their second President's Trophy with 117 points and went on to defeat the Montreal Canadiens in the Stanley Cup final. But this season while Calgary endured a nine-game winless streak before Christmas, the players clearly lost any respect they had fo

and antics, and questioned his coaching skills.

The Flames finished the season second overall with 99 points and were eliminated from the play-offs in six games by Kings, who were very much the underdogs.

behaviour, often crude language

CYCLING

Groune beats off pack

NAJERA - Spain Bernd Groune, the West German rider, a silver medal winner in the Seoul Olympics, outpedalled the pack in a mass sprint to the finish to win the fourteenth leg of the Tour of Spain race

yesterday (AP reports). Marco Giovannetti, of Italy, kept the overall leader's yellow jersey in the 22-day, 3,698km (2,292-mile) race, with a 41-second lead over Julio César Cadena, of Colombia, in second place.

Groune completed the 207km (128-mile) leg from Santander in 5hr 14min 25sec, ahead of Uwe Raab, of East Germany, who finished second, and Guiseppe Salcaterra of Italy, who was

third, in the same time as the

Gastón, from Spain, broke away on the upward side of the pass, but they managed only a 45-second lead before the main pack caught up.

The main pack started a fast pursuit at a pace of up to 75kph, more than fast enough to join the escapees and reach the finish line in a group. Groune said: "I was not

expected to win because there are many and good sprint specialists in the race."
Today's 15th leg will be an individual time trial over 24km between Ezcaray and Valdezcaray.

But you have to tip your hat to these people because they have come up smiling even after all they have gone through," Jacques said. But long after the result of the

years ago.

What the tennis federation here needs is investment and competition and

international competition and the International Tennis Feder-

ation, by arranging two satellite circuits later in the year and by

using some of the money from the Grand Slam Trust Fund, is

already set to provide help with

both.

Even after the revolution.

they still have many problems

and the equipment, they will be

back up there within two years.

Yet, there were several pos-itive aspects of this unique trip. One, lest we forget, was victory itself; another was Danny Sapsford, who showed in both matches on his debut that, on tie has been consigned to the record books, images will still be depth at senior international level; a third was the spirit of the team, which was tested to the vivid. Ceausescu's new palace. which was going to be the administrative headquarters of the Communist Party, is nearly limit in the aftermath of Bates's self-confessed "nightmare match" on the opening day. Fourth was Bates himself, who twice the size of Hampton Court, 12 storeys high and with 1,000 rooms, 500 offices and 400 chandeliers, It cost \$1 bilsurvived his own test of charac-ter and came back to win his first two Davis Cup matches on lion and took 20.000 workers — 10.000 during the day — 10.000 at night — six years to build. Of "A lot of people did not rate Romania, but they would give many good teams a run for their money on their own courts," Warren Jacques, the captain of the outrageous poverty on the streets; of the children in the orphanages; of a people opening their mouths and their hearts for More important than victory the first time in four decades, of their pride and of the gratitude of an old lady, who was given or defeat, the tie has shown that Romanian tennis has emerged from the recent years of dark-ness, groggy but very much alive. Restrictions on overseas travel in the latter years under some money to buy a packet of cocoa. When she found out we were British, she summoned up the only English words she knew: "God bless your king and

Africa victory for Irish ACCRA. Ghana (AP) - Peter their third victory in the best-of-

Wright and Eoin Collins de-teated Ken Downona and Frank Ofori in a five-set doubles match yesterday to clinch vic-tory for Ireland in its Davis Cup

evolution and pre-election Bu-

harest was no more than the

The prospect of going into the draw on Wednesday for the promotion play-off round for

the world group in late September, along with eight first round

losers from the world group and the seven other qualifiers from the zonal groups, is a lot more

daunting. Among the former are

Sweden. France and Spain; among the latter, the Soviet Union and Finland. All of them

will be a lot stronger than

lay at least, he is not out of his

the British team, concluded.

Euro-African Zone group one play-off with Ghana.

Wright and Collins rallied from two sets behind to defeat the Ghanaians 1-6, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 11-9 in a match that was halted by rain on Sunday in the final which started a day set. The triumph gave Ireland of rain on Friday

singles matches on Monday to cut Ireland's margin of victory to 3-2. The Ireland triumph means it will remain in group one competition next year, while Ghana will be relegated Wright and Collins won singles matches on Saturday to give Ireland a 2-0 lead in the series.

which started a day late becau

has not had the time to progress

Her main challenge may emerge from Monica Seles or

from Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

Capriati would not meet either

Capriati at ease in Italian Open

From Barry Wood, Rome

JENNIFER Capriati made her famous by winning the tour-debut yesterday in the land of her father, defeating a qualifier, twelfth, a quirk of the system. Leone Laskova, of Czechosio-because she has played only vakia. 6-0, 6-3 in the first round three tournaments so far and

of the Italian Open.
"I'm very excited to be here." Capriati, aged 14, said. "Rome is a very beautiful city and I feel at home here. This is the seat of history and there's so much to until the semi-finals, and ap-

but she stopped short of saying she felt Italian. Her father, Stefano, comes from the courter and the top Stefano, comes from the country but Capriati is all American, Though naturally intent on bringing the collected thoughts of the teenage phenomenon to their readers, the media have been refused all but very limited

access to her. It appears that John Evert, Capriati's agent and brother of Chris, believes the way to sell the hottest properly in women's tennis is to prevent the publicity

she deserves. That is understandable,

Meanwhile, Samantha Smith has emerged from the qualifying rounds again and will play Kristen Godridge, the young Australian, who so impressed in Brisbane earlier this year that she was added to her country's Achiever squad, the equivalent of Britain's Challenger squad. Her fighting qualities were demonstrated last week in Taranto, where she defeated Jana Pospisilova after being one set down and 0-4 in the second set.

because she could be swamped by the paparazzi. In a year when Kraft General Foods, the new main sponsor of the women's game, is trying to establish its presence, and the Women's International Tennis Association wants to present a more foreful image, it is odd that they should push their greatest asset away from the spotlight.

Capriati has an excellent chance of becoming even more

SWIMMING

Egerszegi has that lean and hungry look By Craig Lord FOREIGN competitors domi-

meeting in Cardiff, with Kristina Egerszegi, the Hungar-ian who won a gold medal at the Scoul Olympics at 14, setting this year's fastest 200 metres backstroke time in the world. Egerszegi, among a small band of competitors admired

band of competitors admired worldwide, used her powerful stroke to clock 2min 12.60sec. The lean Hungarian came home well clear of Helen Slatter, of Warrington Warriors, on 2:20.51, and the improving Emma Tattum, of Bracknell, with 2:24.48. Egerzsegi won the 100 metres on Sunday in another world-class time of 1.02.94. 1.02.94.

Her national team-mate, Karoly Guttler, completed three breast stroke victories, by edg-ing out Vladimir Ivanov, of the Soviet Union, in the 50 metres, in 29.27sec to 29.37. The race will be of interest to the absent Adrian Moorhouse, who clocked 29.48 for the 50 metres Guttler had already beaten

in Italy on Saturday. Nick Gillingham, of City of Birmingham, at the 100 and 200 metres in Cardiff.

Third to Guttler in the 50 metres last night, in 30.54, was Nick Polkinghorne, who promises much for the coming year. Grant Robins, of Portsmouth Northsea, snatched the 100 metres backstroke from Gary Wells, of Canada, in 1.00.50, to 1.00.86.

SHOOTING

Emergence of young talent: promises much Britain's prospects in the grow-

ing sport of air-rifle shooting looked bright yesterday at Bisley where the younger generation of shooters dominated their secships (our rifle shooting correspondent writes).

Lee Miles, aged 20, from Birmingham who won the Commonwealth Games European Federation champion, ships took the air-rifle title two, points ahead of Chris Hector, a former British champion.

In the women's air-rifle event, Sally Waters, the British worn-en's champion, added the Eng-lish title and also won the three-

em's champion, added the Engrish title and also won the three, positions gold medal.

The leading shots, Carol Page; and Margaret Thomas, dropped points in the women's sport, pistol to let in Barbara Barber, Thomas atoned by winning the women's air-pistol gold medal.; Thomas atoned by winning the women's air-pistol gold medal.; Reminigham, 583; 2, C Hector (Baldock), 561; 3, N Wallace (Hockley), 579, Women's air-file; 1, L Miles, Barmingham), 583; 2, C Hector (Baldock), 561; 3, N Wallace (Hockley), 579, Women's air-pistol (Burmingham), 377, Free rifile (3 x 40); 1, T Langridge (Oxford), 1, 135; 2, S Rossi (Barmingham), 377, Free rifile (3 x 40); 1, T Langridge (Oxford), 1, 135; 2, S Rossi (Cheadle), 1, 127, Women's 3, x 20; 1, Waters 557; 2, Dur 963; 3, K Morton, Chesterfield), 553, Women's sport pistol', 1, B Barber (Little Challon), 566; 2, C Page (Marylebone), 557; 3, M Yhomes (Marylebone), 557; 3, M Yhomes (Marylebone), 558 Rapid fire pistol; 1, N Freeland (GEC), 574; 2, J Rolfe (Marylebone), 573, 3, R Filler (Impo), 586; All pistol; 1, P Leatherdale (Norwch), 576; 2, S Haynes (Cheshun), 575; 3, D Amil (Knto RPC), 573, Women's air pistols; 1, N Inones 374; 2, Page 372; 3, B Young (Little, Challon), 369 Amily Target Rifle Cash neeting: Match rifle (1,00), 1,100 and 1,200 yards); 1, J Baiffer Hamiton (NRCS), Target rifle (900, 1,000 and 1,100 yards); 1, Miss 7 Paul (Mediand Coumtles), 194; 2, K Puch (Newcastie), 198.

British satisfaction may be to may

may be tempered by a harsh reality AS THE British Davis Cup team disperses to all parts of the globe, it might reflect that beating Romania was the easy showed particularly in Cosac's fragility under pressure. But in Dinu Pescariu and Andrei Pavel, both outstanding junior ing insult to injury, other early MCC batsmen were faring less bit; the hard part is yet to come.

Britain's 3-2 victory, hardearned though it was amid the
peculiar distractions of postplayers, the Romanians have the basis of a team which in the not very distance future might, at last, take on the mantle cast off by Tiriac and Nastase some tidy but genial and Tremlett well. Terry dragged a widish ball on to his stumps; Wright,

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Spaniard delighted as he holds his nerve for first senior win on British soil

Dlazábal breaks his duck

into a bunker.

birdie at the 17th.

JOSE-MARÍA Olazábal, of a driver and a seven iron. Spain, turned the clock back 13 years when, with a final round of 73, he won the Benson and Hedges International by one stroke from lan Woosnam at St Mellion,

near Plymouth, yesterday, It was Olazabal's first senior win in Britain. In 1977, his fellow Spaniard, Severiano Ballesteros, had his first victory in Britain when he won the Uniroyal International.

The importance of such a win cannot be emphasised too much, as Olazabal indicated by repeatedly punching the air on the last green, where he holed from six feet for the £58,330 prize.

"I have been looking so forward to a first win in Britain," Olazábal said. "Golf was born here so to win here is a point on my side. The speciators here are so knowledgable which also means a lot to me. It would be nice now to win the Open. It doesn't matter where.

Olazábal has been touted as the next Spanish standardbearer since he joined the European tour in 1986, when he was Rookie of the Year. However, he demanded not to be spoken of as the next Ballesteros. "I want to be the first José-María Olazábal," he said. "That is what matters most.

Yesterday as the sun continued to shine and a cooling breeze made club selection difficult. Olazabal produced the victory which, following successes in Belgium, Holland, Germany, Japan, Switz-erland and his native Spain, rubber-stamped the feeling he had previous given in Britain as an amateur and in the Ryder Cup. For it should not be forgotten that he won the British Boys, Youths and Amateur championships and took 4½ points out of 5 in the Ryder Cup during which he was paired with Ballesteros.

Not that success came easy vesterday. He set off one stroke ahead of Woosnam but was soon two behind as he dropped shots at both the third and the fourth after a birdie from 12 feet by his rival at the first. At the 5th, Woosnam, however, hit his second from a difficult he into the stream, which consumed Olazabal went ahead again

with a birdie from six feet at the Atlantic in the GTE Byron the 10th where he was on with Nelson Classic. FINAL SCORES FROM ST MELLION

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which finished runners-up in the

event to Barcelona last season.

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he broke par with every round

and his final score of 69 enabled him to finish with a

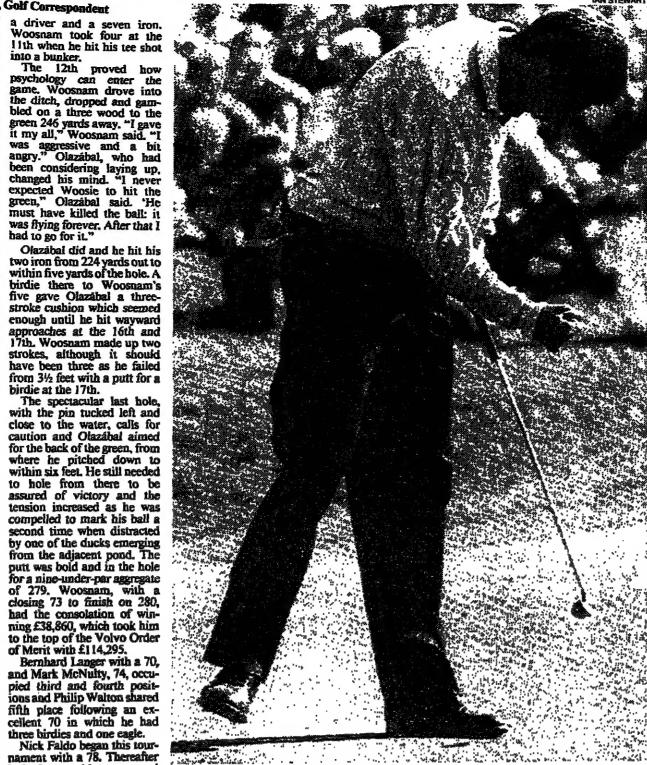
level-par total of 288. That was insufficient for him to

become No. 1 in the Sony

World Rankings as Greg Nor-

man retained his place with a

share of seventh place across



It's in: José-María Olazábal holes on the 18th to take the Uniroyal International

Faldo likes this course, designed by Jack Nicklaus. He pointed out that certain aspects of it need to be improved such as the width of the seventh green, where officials were confronted with the problem of finding suitable

pin positions. is an examining course and one bound to encourage contrasting views. That is inevitable with so many topsy-turvy rounds, high-lighted by Howard Clark whose closing 74 included only three pars.

Ronan Rafferty, however, said he would not put it among his top 10 courses and David Feherty had much the same to say after a final round of 74. "I'd be an 11-handican golfer if I played this course as an amateur," Feherty said.

'Avis' Stewart gives his scoffers the bird

From a Correspondent Dallas

PAYNE Stewart used to be known as "Avis". The label was invented by a caddie with a cruel sense of humour. The Colinas course. aforementioned car rental com-pany claims to try harder. It also United States market for several

Siewart's nickname stuck because, as hard as he tried, he seemed to be an eternal runnerup. It is true that he won a tournament occasionally, but more often than not he played well enough to get into conten-tion before fading when the pressure intensified.

On Sunday, however, Stewart banished his nickname probably

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INTER-LEAGUE MATCH: insh League 0, League of Ireland 1. VAUXHALL LEAGUE: AC Delto Cup: Firmit Avetey 3, 51 Albans 0. PONTRIS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Gramstry 1. Worverhampton 5; West Bromwich 1, Mans-

Wolverhampion 5; West Bromwich 1, Mars-field 0. MIDDLESEX CHARITY CLP: Hampion 1,

Chelsea 2
Chelsea 2
Chelsea Schools MITRE UNDER-19 TRO-PHY: Final: Greater Manchester 3, Northum-berland 1 (at Stockport).

ATHLETICS

PTTTSBURGH MARATHON: Men: 1, P Hooper (Erg), 2rr 15mm 48sec: 2, T Schom (Fm), 216:15; 3, J Tuttle (US), 2:18:29. Wommen: 1, C Fertears (Prof.), 2:30:34; 2, K Pressier (NG), 2:31:35; 3, R Burangulove (USSR), 2:32:59; 15, G Gazda (GB), 2:42:51.

LONG SEACH, California: Long Beach marathon: Men: 1, S Garda (Max), 2rr 15mm 19sec: 2, R Wisson (NZ), 2:15:32; 3, S Yanerko (USSR), 2:19:08. Women: 2 Garryka (USSR), 2:42:38.

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the rain-shortened US \$1 mil-

Am in February, they were only

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temporary setbacks.

Stewart has always had a solid game but his rapid transformation in the past two months from a pearly man to an emphatic winner suggests that he deserves to be labelled as one of the game's premier players.
He made his big breakthrough
when he came from behind to steal last year's US PGA Championship over a faltering Mike Reid and, even though he had further near-misses at the Nabisco Championship in Octo-ber and the Pebble Beach Pro-

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Cowdray's close edge lifts them Tyro Cup By John Watson

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THE Tyro Cup, which was first presented in 1921, was carried off by the home team. Cowdray Park, with a 7-6 victory over Lord Milford Haven's Brent Walker in extra time at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday. Cowdray, who reached the final after a 6-5 win against Holders fast Sunday, just had the edge, since Brent Walker's strength was largely imposed in their well attuned central pair, Alan Kent and Will Lucas. The encounter was close throughout encounter was close throughout and remarkable for the fact that players were much more prone than usual to crossing their opponents' line, 80 per cent of the goals being from penalty

Paul Withers, the Cowdray No. 3, opened the account with a 60-yarder from a cross by Milford Haven. That was not answered until near the end of the second chukka when Lucas converted from 30 yards and converted from 30 yards and Kent, made a fine run to slam in another as the 30-second bell rang, putting Brent Walker in the lead. By half-time, however, Cowdray were 3-2 up.

The fifth chukka finished with

The fifth chukka finished with 6-6 on the scoreboardafter more successful penalty shots from both sides. It was Viv Evans, the Cowdray No. 1, who snapped home the winning shot from a pass by Withers in extra time.

The Tyro final was followed by a first round engagement for another five-chukka mediumgoal challenge for the tournament for the Texaco Cup. This was between two 16-goal

nament for the Texaco Cup. This was between two 16-goal squads, People Skills International and Kerry Packer's Ellerston (White) who won 9-8. The first two chukkas were dominated by PSI with Owen Rinehart, the 9-goaler, leading the attacks, riding his fine Virginian home-bred ponies. Then Ellerston fought back with immediate effect reducing the PSI lead to 7-6 at the end of the fourth. With a 30-yarder from Kent's mallet, they equalized in the fifth. Then open goals from Gould and Kent gave Ellerston the victory.

the victory.
COWDRAY PARK: 1, V Evens (1); 2, T Escure (6); 3, P Witners (6); Back, C

ESCURTA (6): 3, P WYDERS (6): SEAR, C FRASER (2).

BRENT WALKER: 1, G Ferley (D): 2, W LUGS (5): 3, A Kent (7); Back, Lord Million Haven (3).

PEOPLE'S SIGILS INTERNATIONAL: 1, M Rutherford (0): 2, M Glue (5): 3, O Rinehart (9): Back, T Henton (2).

ELLERSTON (WHITE): 1, A Wade (3): 2, I Gould (5): 3, A Kent (7); Back, K Packer (1).

MOTORCYCLING Haslam leads

his protegé to triumph Ron Haslam, the Grand Prix rider, injured in a high-speed ctice for the

spanish Grand Prix, was given something to cheer about at Donington Park yesterday.

Haslam, with the little fingers of each hand heavily bandaged. was in the pit-lane to offer guidance to his protegé, John Gainey. Gainey, riding a Yamaha, won his 250cc heat at the ACU Clubman's champ-

ionship meeting.

Gainey held off a strong charge from Jimmy Brown to win by wo tenths of a second. Brown was to suffer further disappointment when George Bedford won the 125cc heat.

MOTOR RACING

A confused finish still results in a Finnish victory

By Stephen Slater

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THE two Finnish drivers, Mika Salo and Mika Hakkinen, dominated the fifth round of the British Formula Three championship at Silverstone yesterday. Yet at the chequered flag neither driver was sure who had won.

The confusion occurred because, after Salo had taken an early lead ahead of Steve Robertson, of Great Britain, and Hakkinen, the race was stopped on the third lap as a result of a major accident involving Charles Rickett.

While provering from a close

While recovering from a slow start, Rickett's car touched wheels with another midfield runner, before spinning into the barriers and rebounding back on to the track at more than 120mph. Amazingly, the Londoner, aged 24, stepped unhurt from the remains of his car, but the race was stopped to allow wreckage to be cleared from the

At the restart, it was ruled that the race result would be settled the race result would be settled as an aggregate of performance from both before and after the stoppage. This time it was Hakkinen who made a superb start to lead on the road for the remaining 20 laps. But behind him Salo fought back, setting a new lap record at an average of 103.69mph as he closed to within inches of his compariot.

In the pits, Salo's crew were frantically giving him signals to indicate that he was already leading on aggregate and should not jeopardize his chances by attempting to pass.

Meanwhile Hakkinen had not

seen the instructions to speed up from his pin and cruised to the flag 0.49 see ahead of Salo. But his jubilation turned to disappointment when it was discovered that he had lost the race by a margin of just 0.42 sec. The opposite was true for Salo who was full of praise for Alan Docking, the manager of his Silverstone based team. "I didn't believe my pit boards, but when they repeated the message for three laps I knew it must be true."

Behind Salo and Hakkinen Behind Salo and Hakkinet, Robertson took third place, ahead of his team colleague Philippe Adams, of Belgium, and Peter Kox, of The Netherlands. Ralt chassis continued to dominate the championship, filling the top eleven places.

championship, filling the top eleven places.

RESULTS: 1. Mika Salo (Fin), Rait-Mugen, 25min 51.54sec (107.82 mph;: 2. Mika Haikimen (Fin), Rait-Mugen, 25.51.96; 3. Sleve Robertson (69), Rait-Vokswagen, 25.57.34; 4. Philiope Adams (Ref., Rait-Volkswagen, 26.02.05; 5. Peter Kox (Neth), Rzit-Volkswagen, 26.02.63; 6, Hiddel Moda (Lap), Rait-Mugen, 28.04.80. The 40-lap British Formula 3,000 race at Snetterton in Norfolk was also settled on an

aggregate result after it too was stopped as a result of an

accident.

The Reynard car of Ricard Rydell crashed heavily on the fourth lap. The car was destroyed but the Swede escaped injury. Following the restart only four cars finished the event. They were led home by Alain Menu. of Switzerland, who finished the race in 38min 5.9sec ahead of Pedro Chavez, of Portugal, and Richard Dean, of Great Britain.

Confusion on drug testing at Imola

IMOLA (AP) — Drugs tests on Formula One drivers are scheduled to be enforced for the first time during the Grand Prix of San Marino on Sunday. However, Italian doctors who are supposed to do the testing, said yesterday that they were still in the dark about forbidden substances and on how to carry out stances and on how to carry out

the tests.

"We can't organize anti-doping tests in five minutes," said
Giuseppe Piana, the head physician of the Imola autodrome, where the third event of the 1990 World Formula One championship will take place.

Jean-Marie Balestre, the
president of the sport's governing body, said recently that

circuits should follow the routines used in the Olympics and that the top finishers in the race and a few other drivers selected through a draw would

doctors at the Formula One

undergo the tests.
"We have not yet been given a
list of forbidden substances,"
Roberto Barroletti, the doctor of the Italian Ferrari team, said. Leading drivers, including the world champion, Alain Prost, of France, and his great Brazilian rival, Ayrton Senna, have said

in recent interviews they were in favour of drugs tests. Drivers in rallying and sport prototype events will also have to undergo such tests later this

Lancias lead the way

Carlos Sainz, running into tyre problems on his Toyota Celica early on Lancias moved smoothly into first and second places of the second day of the Tour de Corse rally yesterday.

Didier Auriol, of France, the winner for the past two years, set the quickest time on five of the nine stages to open up a 21-second lead over his fellow countryman, Yves Loubet, the European champion.

The two Lancias moved nearly one minute ahead of Sainz, who lost team-mate Ar-

HAMBURG: German Open tourne

RUALA LIBEPUR: Maleysian Open tour-enement: First round: D.Lewis (NZ) br C Balley (GB), 7-5, 6-3; M Oosting (Neth) br A Malik (Mal), 6-1, 6-1; P Baur (WG) br R Smith (Bah), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; M Perchary (GB) br C Profram (Can), 6-4, 6-4; N Bonneck (Aus) bt V Selvan (Mal), 6-1, 8-4; J Camer (US) bt P Nytong (Sens), 6-0, 3-5, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

min Schwarz on the final stage of the day with transmission

Louise Aitken-Walker,

Britain, moved into twelfth place overall and first in the European Ladies' Cup battle after new parts were flown in overnight by the Vauxhall team from England to cure a vibra-tion problem on the drive shafts

of her Astra.

LEADING POSITIONS: After 13 stages: 1.
D Aurol (Fr), Lanca, 2ts 54min(7sec: 2, Y Loubet (Fr), Lanca, 254.28; 3, C Serra: (Sp), Toyota, 2:55.17: 4, F Chartot (Fr), BMW, 2:56.09, 5, B Saby (Fr), Lanca, 2:57.38; 6, R Baumachtager (Austria), VW, 3:10.06.

IN BRIEF

Champion progress

TOULOUSE, the defending champions will play Racing Club de France at Beziers on Saturday in the first of the semifinals for the French rugby union club championship. However, they survive in the com-petition only after the closest of quarter-finals, Denis Charvet, the international centre, scoring a magnificent try in the 10-9 win over Narboone.

The other semi-final, at Tou-

against Montferrand, Agen hav-ing beaten last year's beaten finalists, Toulon, 6-0 over the weekend.

Lendl's test Ivan Lendl will play in charity

matches on two successive weekends in England over the next month as part of his build-up for Wimbledon Lendi, who is missing the French Championships to concentrate on his grass-court preparations for Wimbledon, will turn out at the Bristol Lawn Tennis Club on May 26 and 27 in aid of Imperial Cancer Research, and will then play in an event at Eastbourne the following

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FOOTBALL Chance for Small Scots' squad Anderlecht ready for Egypt

to improve GOTHENBURG, Sweden -ANDY Roxburgh will keep his players and the rest of Scotland Anderlecht arrived here yes-terday for its first European Cup Winners' Cup final, hungry to make up for a poor season in other tournaments. The Belgian club was eliminated early in the guessing today when he names a reduced squad for next week's exhibition with Egypt in

Aberdeen. The Scotland coach has de-Belgian Cup by FC Liège and then surprisingly conceded the national championship to FC cided to take only 16 players to Pittodrie for the World Cup warm-up, before adding another batch of names next Thursday for the match with Poland on May 19. Bruges.
"We'll have to win this to save the season." Georges Grun, the defender said of tomorrow's final in which his team meets Sampdoria, the Italian club,

That squad is virtually certain to be the one which Roxburgh will take to Malta for acclimatization later this month and also the World Cup finals in event to Barcelona last season. Grun expects to be playing again after a back injury as does his teammate, the Dutch international, Adri Van Tiggelen although Aad de Mos. the Anderlecht coach, declined to say whether he would play or not. Roxburgh returns to Scotland

tomorrow after a gruelling week-end trip to Brazil and the United states. On Saturday he watched States. On Saturday he watched World Cup opponents Brazil beat Bulgaria 2-1 before moving on to Chicago to see Poland beat Costa Rica 2-0.

player certain to be missing is Henrik Andersen of Denmark. player certain to player cream to the mik Andersen of Denmark, who was suspended for one game after receiving a yellow card in the semi-final against Dynamo Bucharest.

• COVERCIANO: Azeglio Vicini, coach of the Italian national team, said yesterday he was asking his players not to have sex until the World Cup nournament ends on July 8. Vicini, speaking at Italy's training headquarters at Coverciano, near Florence, said that next weekend would be the last at liberty for the players before a long period of "seclusion". "Chastity of players prior and during a major competition has There is every liklehood that he will throw in a few surprises when he announces his squad of when he announces his squad of 16. Both Kevin Gallacher of Covenity could make a late move for a place in the World Cup squad while long serving

Davie Cooper is also in the Cooper, aged 34, has not been involved in the international set-up since playing in the lampden game against Norway last November in which Scot-land qualified for the finals. Now the skilful Motherwell

player could be given his last chance to shine before Rox-burgh selects his final 22. Meanwhile, Gallacher, aged 23, is another borderline case. He was watched by Roxburgh's assistant, Craig Brown, on Sat-urday and although Coventry lost 6-1 to Liverpool, Gallacher grabbed their goal.

The Norwich goalkeeper Bryan Gunn will make his debut on the ground where he made his reputation, while Jim Leigh-ton is one player who will be added to the squad for the Poland match.

Roy Aitken, involved in playoff action with Newcastle, misses the Egypt clash but is likely to be recalled to face Poland. However if Newcastle are involved in further play-off business, the Scots captain would also be ruled out of the Malta exercise.

Hibbitt in the running for the Walsall post

during a major competition has been a long-debated but unsolved problem. Vicini said. He added that the players would have the constant of the said. KENNY Hibbitt, the former Wolves midfield player, is favourite to succeed John Barnwell as the manager of Walsall, who have been relegated to the fourth division.

Hibbitt will be offered the joh Hibbitt will be offered the job ager went on, the players could watch videolapes and have a few excursions out of the trainthis week following Brian Little's decision to stay at Darlington after leading them back into the fourth division as champions of the GM Vauxhall

ing centre under his own watch-ful eye and those of team officials. Hibbitt, however, assistantmanager to Gerry Francis at Bristol Rovers, will defer a final decision until after the third division champions' appear-ance in the final of the Leyland Ajaccio - A Corsican car ferry company has chartered three aircraft to fly out to Marseilles 300 passengers stranded on the island since Sunday due to

Daf Cup at Wembley. Colin Addison is likely to be

Cadiz were bottom of the Spanish first division with 10games to play when the former Hereford and Derby County manager took over it But their 1-0 win over Celia on Sunday made certain they finished above the relegation

and play-off zone. It was their fourth successive 1-0 triumph and their sixth win in 10 games under Addison.Last year he was sacked after five months as manager of Atletico Madrid, having succeeded Ron

In his previous spell in Spain he led Celta to promotion from offered a lucrative contract in the second division only to be Spain after saving Cadiz from Hismissed in the following pre-

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MOTO-CROSS

REAL TENNIS

FOR THE RECORD MOTORCYCLING MOCKENHEIM, West Germany: Superbike world championship: First race: 1, F Merket (US), Honds: 2, R McEines (US), Yamaha: 3, G Faleppa (II), Ducah. Second race: 1, S Mertsets (Ben, Honds: 2, R Roche (Fr), Yamaha: 3, Merket, Owenal (after four hounds: 1, Merket, 132pts; 2, Roche, 128; 3, Mertens, 96. TENNIS

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> SITTENDORF, Austria: Austrian Stüce grand price. First resee: 1, D. Thorpe (Brizin), Austrial: 2, E. Geboers (Seil, Honde; 3, K. Nooil (Britain), KTM: 4, W. Lies (US), Kawasaker, 5, J. Leek, Mars, Honde; 6, F. Rossi (I), KTM: 8, Second rece: 1, Thorpe: 2, J. Martans (Bell); 6, Liles, Osewalt: 1, Thorpe 4, J. Martans (Bell); 6, Liles, Osewalt: 1, Thorpe 4, J. Martans (Bell); 6, Liles, Osewalt: 1, Thorpe 4, J. Second received (after three rounds); 1, Liles, 95pts: 2, Geboers 27: 3, Thorpe 74: 4, Guekens 62: 5 squalt, Nicol and Martens, 60. equal, Nicoli and Niertens, 60.
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6-1, J Show and M McMurugh bt W
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Johansson is due to meet

general secretary, Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, and officials of the

Football Association at Wembley before the FA Cup final

on Saturday. Johansson said

the decision to let the Bourne-

mouth game proceed despite police warnings could in-

The police chief in charge of

supervising the Bourne-mouth-Leeds match called for

the police to have the power of veto over certain fixtures.

Chief Superintendent Les

Burns was still angry that the League twice rejected applica-

tions for the fixture to be switched away from the Bank

• MANNHEIM West Gen-

many: The police detained 75

after fighting between rival supporters following a first division match in which For-

tuna Düsseldorf beat Mann-

heim 1-0 and probably

relegated them (AP reports).

• AMSTERDAM: Ajaz won

the Dutch league title but

their supporters invaded the

pitch during the 1-1 draw at NEC Nijmegen. The game had

to be suspended for 15 min-

utes. Police arrested 28 Ajax supporters after disturbances

part of the ground reserved for

the English supporters will be

returned to the Football

Association so as not to ruin

the policy of strict segregation.

the British Government is

hooligans from travelling

abroad. Under Part 2 of the

make restriction orders,

preventing anyone convicted

of football-related offences

convicted hooligans will be

Sardinia and buying tickets on

the black market.

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The Italian TV programme,

La Domenica Sportiva,

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UEFA sceptical

at letting the

English return

LENNART Johansson, the president of UEFA, yesterday repeated his warning that the violence of Leeds United's Gerhard Aigner, the UEFA

supporters at Bournemouth

could have put back the readmission of English clubs

to European competition -and he said that the issue

would be decided on May 24

without waiting for a report on the behaviour of England followers at the World Cup.

Johansson, the Swede who backed the immediate return

of the English when he was elected as head of European

football's governing body last

month, also criticized the

Football League and the Foot-

ball Association for appar-

ently ignoring police warnings of inadequate security at Dean Court on Saturday.

There were 73 arrests and

more than 20 people were

injured after an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 Leeds support-

ers tried to get in without

tickets and created havoc. Leeds had been allocated 2,300 tickets for the match,

which Leeds needed to win to

ensure promotion from the

second division and which Bournemouth needed to win

Johansson said yesterday: "After this, I am very sceptical

about letting the English clubs back." English club sides were

banned from European com-

COLIN Moynihan, the Min-

ister for Sport, has two main

tasks today when he sees the

Italian authorities to discuss

final crowd-control arrange-

The weekend hooliganism

shown on Italian television's

most popular sports pro-

having his requests granted.

During his interview with

the Interior Minister this

where England play their three

The widespread drinking in

Bournemouth - where there

were 73 arrests - was the latest

episode in drink-related vi-

olence. Moynihan pressed this

argument during his visit here

are reluctant to order a ban

because it would hurt the tourist trade on the holiday

first round games.

ments for the World Cup.

Italian TV helps

Moynihan's case

By John Goodbody

at Bournemouth that was unable to prevent known

gramme on Sunday should Football Spectators Act, make Moynihan certain of courts have the powers to

morning, he will again press from travelling to events like

the authorities to impose a the World Cup. But because ban on all alcohol sales on the the Act only came into force

days of matches in Sardinia on April 24, only a handful of

to avoid relegation.

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SPORT

Sir Len's Oval record falls

THE OVAL: Surrey (4pts) drew with Lancashire (6)

AS SURREY and Lancashire demonstrated so ably, records set by batsmen were made only to be broken. The tally was into double figures yes-terday when Neil Fairbrother achieved perhaps the most notable attainment of them all. His innings of 366 out of a total of 863 was the highest made at the Oval.

Lancashire's total was the ninth highest in the history of first-class cricket and only 24 runs short of the highest county-championship score, 887 by Yorkshire against Warwickshire in 1896. The 1,650 runs made in this match, which in terms of a contest became a farce, was the highest aggregate in championship cricket.

That Lancashire made their highest total in their 136-year history was not least because David Hughes, their captain, set out to bat out the match. The match, he reckoned, had been killed by Ian Greig's decision not to declare until the second afternoon and, besides, he wanted his bowlers to be fresh for their cup match today. It was a question of which captain was the more bloody-minded.

The pitch remained the kind which players from another era would have described as rolled marble. When Lancashire were 745 for score and that Fairbrother would excede Archie MacLaren's 424, the record score in England (also, of course, for

That, though, was also in another era. These days the likes of Fairbrother have limited-overs cricket to contend with, and he felt drained after another record-breaking day on Sunday. Resuming on 311, he was dropped twice on 327 and was not the dominant batsman of Saturday. Greig found a method to keep him in relative check, bowling wide of off stump with three men in the vicinity of cover

Yet Fairbrother still managed to reach 350 by driving this cover ring and before long he had passed Sir Leonard Hutton's 364 here against Australia in 1938. Fairbrother,

A C MacLaren

N H Fairbrother

K S Duteepsinhi

W H Ashdown

J D Robertson

1 V A Richards

G A Hick

R Abel

G H Hirst

E Paynter

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-184, 3-548, 4-745, 5-774, 6-844, 7-848, 8-862. BOWLING: Murphy 44-6-160-2; Bicknell 43-2-175-1; Kendrick 56-10-192-1; Medycott 505-4-177-1; Lynch 5-2-17-0; Greg 19-3-73-2; Thorpe 7-1-45-0.

though, would be first to admit that a comparison

years ago. Both were against Somerset at Taunton. In four Tests for England, all of them in 1987 and 1988, Fairbrother's best score was a

When Fairbrother was out, ultimately frustrated by Greig and top-edging a pull, he had batted eight hours 24 minutes and hit five sixes and 47 fours. three, it really did look as if At home in Surrey's stock-they would make a four-figure broker belt, Hutton was pleased for him, although he does not favour four-day cricket. Hutton's own innings had taken 13 hours (the boundaries were not shortened as they were in this match), the pitch had been quicker and Fleetwood-Smith had gained some turn on the

> Hutton would like to see a return to uncovered pitches for all but one-day matches, and Harry Brind, the groundsman here as well as being the Test and County Cricket Board's inspector of pitches, did admit that this was not the ideal pitch. Although Lancashire's innings fell away once Fairbrother was out it was not because the ball was turning significantly.

Watkinson made 46 and Hegg 45, but with Jesty having pulled a muscle, some records did remain intact.

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K Hegg c Ward b Bicknell

A J Derreatas b Murphy

P Hughes not out

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P Patterson c Greig b Medycott

Extras (b 8, tb 15, w 1, nb 9)

would be odious.

His was the third highest score in England, after MacLaren's innings in 1895 and Hick's unbeaten 405 two

Champagne cricketer: Neil Fairbrother celebrates his 366 for Lancashire against Surrey at the Oval yesterday

HIGHEST COUNTY TOTALS

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Trent Bridge

Trent Bridge

FIRST DIVISION

Lancashire v Somersel

Essex v Leicestershire Surrey v Hampshire Notts v Leicestershire

Notts v Sussex Surrey v Lancashire

HIGHEST MATCH AGGREGATES

| 5 | 1723 for 31 wkts | England v Australia | Headingley | 1948 |
|---|--|------------------------|------------|------|
| ? | 1650 for 21 wkts | Surrey v Lancashire | The Oval | 1990 |
| ! | 1601 for 29 wids | England v Australia | Lord's | 1930 |
| Š | 1570 for 29 wkts | Essex v Kent | Cheimsford | 1988 |
|) | 1530 for 19 wkts | Essex v Leicestershire | Chelmsford | 1990 |
| ? | 1507 for 28 wkts | England v West Indies | The Oval | 1976 |
| 1 | 1502 for 28 wkts | MCC v New Zealanders | sLord's | 1927 |
| , | Refers to first-class matches in England. County details in previous columns refer to championship matches. | | | |

The Minister will also see Italia 90, the World Cup organizers. He wants to ensure that any spare tickets in the tries at the weekend. O Compiled by Richard Lockwood

1989-90 Total Avge

League's crowds reach eight-year high

ATTENDANCES IN THE 1988-89 AND 1989-90 SEASONS

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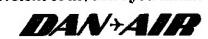
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By Louise Taylor FOOTBALL congratulated itself yesterday on a season in which League attendances reached their highest level for eight years, but warned that there is no room for

complacency.

Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the League, is anxious that the fourth successive rise in total gates at 19.450,987 up almost one million on last year - does not prompt premature self-satisfaction: "The message is that the product is a good one, but we must make it better," he

said yesterday.
"There is still an awful lot of work to do if we are to provide spectators with good, comfortable facilities, but the message is getting across that improved security inside grounds means that they are largely safe places

to go.

"But among the people I meet some still do not go to football because they have fears about safety, and by meeting the demands of the Taylor report over the coming scasons we hope to allay those To those who argue that the largely trouble-free season, rowth in attendances will and if England do well in the

national sports stadium in Scotland, which would be

commercially viable, were un-

veiled in Glasgow yesterday. The men behind the plan to

build Europe's finest stadium

within the next five years said

they would be able to raise the

The stadium, earmarked for

Strathclyde Park in Lanark-

shire, would replace Hampden

Park as the home to the

money needed to finance such

an ambitious project.

Plans for a £100 million Scottish international football

continue regardless, Sandford had a ready riposte: "You just need to look at gates in the 1950s to show how much further we have to go. One of my principal aims as chief executive is to see them

matches and cup finals.

One of the scheme's prin-

cipal backers, Dr John Reid, a

local MP, said that a purpose-

built ground is the only realis-

tic remedy to Hampden's

problems and the edict from

FIFA that all World Cup

qualifying ties must be played

in all-seat grounds from 1992. Dr Reid, who is part of a

steering group formed nine

months ago to explore the

possibility of a new sports

continue to rise. "Saturday's events will not haved helped, but it has been a

World Cup it should have a positive effect on next season's gates. Football is still the world's greatest game."

The proposal to televise its

charms live had drawn a public consensus that attendances would suffer. But Manchester United and Liverpool have found the reverse to be the case. Despite frequent visits from the television cam-

problem of how to raise the

money and have put forward a

commercially-viable business

scheme. Given the resolution

of some outstanding planning

eras United regained the title at the live televised matches, of the best-supported club. They attracted 740,406 spectators for their 19 home League matches, an average of 38,969. Liverpool, who enjoyed the best support for the previous two scasons, averaged 36,974, compared with

37.727 last year and 39,689 in

wholesale

Bill Fox, the League presi-

dent, insisted that football has the cameras to thank for boosting gate receipts. "Television games have helped to generate interest," he said. " am the first to admit I thought it would work out the other way round, but there is no doubt that live Sunday afternoon games on television have played a large part in the

rise in attendances. "In the past, if you wanted to see Finney or Matthews you had to go and watch them live, but when people got out of the habit of going to football they forgot about it. It comes down to what you do not have you do not miss, and by watching players like Barnes and Gascoigne on television people are obviously inspired to go back and see it for themselves. There has been no trouble

and this will also have helped to convince people it is safe to go to football." Fox also believed that a

decline in the long-ball approach had increased attendances. "There is no doubt that the long ball did not do football any favours." he said. But it seems to be going out

New Scottish stadium will be finest in Europe

verge of a major breakcommands support. through. We believe we have We are not at the starting surmounted the financial problems for a new stadium blocks . . . we are approaching with the assistance of Straththe home straight." Dr Reid said. The 65,000 capacity clyde Region, the relevant stadium would include an districts and the private eight-lane athletics track and retractable roof modelled on "We have answered the

the Toronto Skydome. However, the MP for Motherwell North is emphatic that the scheme is a practical one. The new site would be

stadium, said: "We are on the issues, we feel the project turned into a thriving commercial area, close to the M74 motorway and with park-

ing space for 36,000 cars.
The only choice is between a new national stadium or a patch-up job on Hampden," he said. "We have looked at Hampden and, really, there is there has been talk of a new stadium but now the dream is

near reality."

showed the violence in Bournemouth and an official last December but the Italians of the National Football Intelligence Unit, which coordinates the police work on hooliganism, picked out known trouble-makers. The

programme did not, however, show the violence that occurred in other European coun-Smith's

dream wrecked

By Barry Pickthall

LAWRIE Smith's £4 million dream of winning the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race lay in ruins after a. £13,000 cobalt rod shroud supporting the mast of his maxi. Rothmans, broke early yesterday as the British yacht was vying for the lead, 38 hours after setting out from Fort Lauderdale on the final stage of the race back to

Southampton. Only the reflex action of the crew in turning the boat about on to the opposite tack saved them from being dismasted. "There was no warning," Smith told The Times. "It went with a loud bang. We only just managed to save the

Last night the crew was heading due west for George-town, South Carolina, where the yacht's pit crew was waiting to fit replacement rigging. "If all goes well, we should have the boat turned round and back in the race within an hour," Mike Pavitt, Rothmans project manager, said, optimistically.

The damage occurred while Rothmans was pounding heavily through the steep, standing waves of the fast-moving Gulf Stream, whipped up by 23-knot northerly headwinds. Now the race is to protect our fourth place overall from The Card and Charles Jourdan," Smith said.

The diversion to replace the rod stay is expected to cost

Smith and his crew at least 30 hours on the leaders, cutting deeply into the four-day advantage the British yacht only one choice. For 20 years holds over the fifth- and sixthplaced yachts. Last night the lead had been taken up by Fisher & Paykel.